

Dissertation Defense and Submission Deadlines

Academic Year 2025-2026 | Requested Degree Conferral: January 2026

Thursday, September 15	Suggested Deadline to apply for graduation via NEST
Monday, December 1 or 10 days before defense, whichever comes first	Submit Form E, your dissertation draft, and your signature page via email at least 10 days prior to your defense date
Thursday, December 11	Final date to defend for the semester

Your committee will assign one of three outcomes: **Pass**, **Pass with Conditions**, or **Fail**.

After your defense, review your outcome and follow the appropriate deadlines.

Pass	Pass with Conditions	Fail
24 Hours After Defense Submit Form F (Report of Dissertation Defense) via email	24 Hours After Defense Submit Form F (Report of Dissertation Defense) via email <i>Make revisions, resubmit to committee, and obtain approval by the committee.</i>	24 Hours After Defense Submit Form F (Report of Dissertation Defense) via email <i>Repeat the dissertation defense process according to your program's guidance.</i>
Monday, December 15 Submit ETD Form, final approved dissertation, and SIGNED signature page via email	Wednesday, December 17 Submit ETD Form, final approved dissertation, and SIGNED signature page via email	Refer to The Graduate School's website for next semester's defense deadlines.
Friday, January 9 Submit to ProQuest and Survey of Earned Doctorates	Friday, January 9 Submit to ProQuest and Survey of Earned Doctorates	

Examples of conditions may include changes to scholarly content, chapter reorganization, or other content based corrections.

All documents should be sent to docstudy@montclair.edu.

Failure to submit all required documents by the stated deadline will impact your graduation status.

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Academic Year 2025-2026 | Requested Degree Conferral: May 2026

Sunday, February 15	Suggested Deadline to apply for graduation via NEST
Tuesday, April 7 or 10 days before defense, whichever comes first	Submit Form E, your dissertation draft, and your signature page via email at least 10 days prior to your defense date
Friday, April 17	Final date to defend for the semester

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Wednesday, April 22 Submit ETD Form, final approved dissertation, and SIGNED signature page via email	Friday, April 24 Submit ETD Form, final approved dissertation, and SIGNED signature page via email	Refer to The Graduate School's website for next semester's defense deadlines.
Tuesday, April 28 Submit to ProQuest and Survey of Earned Doctorates	Tuesday, April 28 Submit to ProQuest and Survey of Earned Doctorates	

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Academic Year 2025-2026 | Requested Degree Conferral: August 2026

Thursday, July 9	Suggested Deadline to apply for graduation via NEST
Friday, July 24 or 10 days before defense, whichever comes first	Submit Form E, your dissertation draft, and your signature page via email at least 10 days prior to your defense date
Monday, August 3	Final date to defend for the semester

Your committee will assign one of three outcomes: **Pass**, **Pass with Conditions**, or **Fail**.

After your defense, review your outcome and follow the appropriate deadlines.

Pass	Pass with Conditions	Fail
24 Hours After Defense Submit Form F (Report of Dissertation Defense) via email	24 Hours After Defense Submit Form F (Report of Dissertation Defense) via email <i>Make revisions, resubmit to committee, and obtain approval by the committee.</i>	24 Hours After Defense Submit Form F (Report of Dissertation Defense) via email <i>Repeat the dissertation defense process according to your program's guidance.</i>
Friday, August 14 Submit ETD Form, final approved dissertation, and SIGNED signature page via email	Friday, August 14 Submit ETD Form, final approved dissertation, and SIGNED signature page via email	Friday, August 14 Refer to The Graduate School's website for next semester's defense deadlines.
Wednesday, August 26 Submit to ProQuest and Survey of Earned Doctorates	Wednesday, August 26 Submit to ProQuest and Survey of Earned Doctorates	

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