

# 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

### 24 Hours After Defense

Submit Form F (Report of Dissertation Defense) via email

### Monday, December 15

Submit ETD Form, final approved dissertation, and **SIGNED** signature page via email

### Friday, January 9

Submit to ProQuest and Survey of Earned Doctorates

## Pass with Conditions

### 24 Hours After Defense

Submit Form F (Report of Dissertation Defense) via email

*Make revisions, resubmit to committee, and obtain approval by the committee.*

### Wednesday, December 17

Submit ETD Form, final approved dissertation, and **SIGNED** signature page via email

### Friday, January 9

Submit to ProQuest and Survey of Earned Doctorates

## Fail

### 24 Hours After Defense

Submit Form F (Report of Dissertation Defense) via email

*Repeat the dissertation defense process according to your program's guidance.*

*Refer to The Graduate School's website for next semester's defense deadlines.*

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](mailto:docstudy@montclair.edu).

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

# Dissertation Defense and Submission Deadlines

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

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

### 24 Hours After Defense

Submit Form F (Report of Dissertation Defense) via email

### Wednesday, April 22

Submit ETD Form, final approved dissertation, and **SIGNED** signature page via email

### Tuesday, April 28

Submit to ProQuest and Survey of Earned Doctorates

## Pass with Conditions

### 24 Hours After Defense

Submit Form F (Report of Dissertation Defense) via email

*Make revisions, resubmit to committee, and obtain approval by the committee.*

### Friday, April 24

Submit ETD Form, final approved dissertation, and **SIGNED** signature page via email

### Tuesday, April 28

Submit to ProQuest and Survey of Earned Doctorates

## Fail

### 24 Hours After Defense

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# Dissertation Defense and Submission Deadlines

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

### 24 Hours After Defense

Submit Form F (Report of Dissertation Defense) via email

**Friday, August 14**

Submit ETD Form, final approved dissertation, and **SIGNED** signature page via email

**Wednesday, August 26**

Submit to ProQuest and Survey of Earned Doctorates

## Pass with Conditions

### 24 Hours After Defense

Submit Form F (Report of Dissertation Defense) via email

*Make revisions, resubmit to committee, and obtain approval by the committee.*

**Friday, August 14**

Submit ETD Form, final approved dissertation, and **SIGNED** signature page via email

**Wednesday, August 26**

Submit to ProQuest and Survey of Earned Doctorates

## Fail

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