

Dissertation Defense and Submission Deadlines

Academic Year 2026-2027 | Requested Degree Conferral: January 2027

Monday, September 14

Suggested Deadline to apply for graduation via NEST

Monday, November 23

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 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

Monday, December 7

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

Tuesday, Decemeber 15

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 9

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

Tuesday, December 15

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.

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

Dissertation Defense and Submission Deadlines

Academic Year 2026-2027 | Requested Degree Conferral: May 2027

Monday, February 9

Suggested Deadline to apply for graduation via NEST

Tuesday, March 30

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 9

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 14

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

Tuesday, April 20

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 16

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

Tuesday, April 20

Submit to ProQuest and Survey of Earned Doctorates

Fail

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Dissertation Defense and Submission Deadlines

Academic Year 2026-2027 | Requested Degree Conferral: August 2027

Thursday, July 9

Suggested Deadline to apply for graduation via NEST

Friday, July 16

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, July 26

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

Thursday, August 5

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

Tuesday, August 17

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.

Monday, August 9

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

Tuesday, August 17

Submit to ProQuest and Survey of Earned Doctorates

Fail

24 Hours After Defense

Submit Form F (Report of Dissertation Defense) via email

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