University of Colorado **Denver**

DEADLINES FOR DOWNTOWN DENVER CAMPUS STUDENTS
PLANNING TO GRADUATE DURING THE 2026-2027 ACADEMIC YEAR

Some schools & colleges may have earlier deadlines than what is listed below. Students should contact their individual school or college for confirmation.

DEADLINES FOR CLAS GRADUATE PROGRAM NON-THESIS MASTER'S STUDENTS

REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION:	DECEMBER 2026 FALL GRADUATION	MAY 2027 SPRING GRADUATION	AUGUST 2027 SUMMER GRADUATION
Submit Application for Graduation (through UCDAccess student portal) to notify the University of intent to graduate	September 2, 2026	February 3, 2027	June 15, 2027
Submit Application for Candidacy form to your Program Director and Graduate Program Coordinator	October 30, 2026	April 2, 2026	July 2, 2026
Submit Request for Examination to your Program Director or CLAS Graduate Program Coordinator to schedule final exam (if applicable)	2 weeks prior to exam No later than: December 2, 2026	2 weeks prior to exam No later than: May 5, 2027	2 weeks prior to exam No later than: July 11, 2027
Complete Exit Survey via e-mailed link	December 11, 2026	May 14, 2027	July 30, 2027
END OF TERM	December 12, 2026	May 15, 2027	July 31, 2027
COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY	December 12, 2026	May 15, 2027	December 11, 2027

DEADLINES FOR CLAS GRADUATE PROGRAM THESIS MASTER'S STUDENTS & PhD STUDENTS

REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION:	DECEMBER 2026 FALL GRADUATION	MAY 2027 SPRING GRADUATION	AUGUST 2027 SUMMER GRADUATION
Submit Application for Graduation (through UCD Access student portal) to notify the University of intent to graduate	September 2, 2026	February 3, 2027	June 15, 2027
Submit Application for Candidacy form to your Program Director and Graduate Program Coordinator	October 30, 2026	April 2, 2026	July 2, 2026
Submit thesis/dissertation in a doc format for review via email to the Writing Center	October 30, 2026	April 2, 2027	July 2, 2027
Submit Request for Examination to your Program Director or CLAS Graduate Program Coordinator to schedule final defense	2 weeks prior to exam No later than: November 6, 2026	2 weeks prior to exam No later than: April 9, 2027	2 weeks prior to exam No later than: July 9, 2027
Prepare Thesis Approval form and submit to defense chair	Prior to Defense Day	Prior to Defense Day	Prior to Defense Day
Defend thesis or dissertation	November 20, 2026	April 23, 2027	July 23, 2027
Submit Thesis Approval form to the CLAS Graduate Program Coordinator	November 27, 2026	April 30, 2027	July 23, 2027
Submit final thesis/dissertation to ProQuest	December 4, 2026	May 7, 2027	July 30, 2027
END OF TERM	December 12, 2026	May 15, 2027	July 31, 2027
COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY	December 12, 2026	May 15, 2027	December 11, 2027

REMINDERS

1) Students may be asked to make revisions by the exam committee. Be sure to **factor in time for revisions** when scheduling your exam/defense date rather than waiting until the deadline.
2) If any of the posted deadlines are missed, **graduation will be postponed to the next semester**. Students will be required to resubmit an application for graduation on their UCDAccess portal as it is not automatically deferred.
3) All forms should be **typed and signed electronically**.
4) Students **must be registered** in the semester in which they undertake comprehensive or final examinations as well as during the thesis, project, or dissertation defense.
5) Theses/dissertations should comply with the Format Guide **upon submission** for format review.
6) Transfer credit requests must be approved by the program and submitted **at least one semester prior** to the semester in which a master's student graduates or a doctoral student takes the comprehensive exam.