University of Colorado **Denver**

DEADLINES FOR DOWNTOWN DENVER CAMPUS STUDENTS
PLANNING TO GRADUATE DURING THE 2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

DEADLINES FOR COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES NON-THESIS MASTER'S STUDENTS

Some schools & colleges may have earlier or later deadlines than what is listed below. **This calendar is specific to the <u>College of Liberal Arts & Sciences</u> Graduate Students**

REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION:	DECEMBER 2025 FALL GRADUATION	MAY 2026 SPRING GRADUATION	AUGUST 2026 SUMMER GRADUATION
Submit Application for Graduation (through UCDAccess student portal) to notify the University of intent to graduate	September 3, 2025	February 4, 2026	June 16, 2026
Submit Application for Candidacy form to your Program Director and Graduate Program Coordinator	October 31, 2025	April 3, 2026	June 26, 2026
Submit Request for Examination to your Program Director or Graduate Program Coordinator to schedule final examination/defense	2 weeks prior to exam No later than: November 25, 2025	2 weeks prior to exam No later than: April 17, 2026	2 weeks prior to exam No later than: July 17, 2026
Take final Master's comprehensive exam OR defend project, report, capstone, portfolio, or dissertation	December 5, 2025	May 15, 2026	July 31, 2026
Complete Exit Survey via e-mailed link	December 12, 2025	May 15, 2026	July 31, 2026
END OF TERM	December 13, 2025	May 16, 2026	August 1, 2026
COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY	December 13, 2025	May 16, 2026	December 12, 2026

DEADLINES FOR COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES THESIS MASTER'S & PhD STUDENTS

REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION:	DECEMBER 2025 FALL GRADUATION	MAY 2026 SPRING GRADUATION	AUGUST 2026 SUMMER GRADUATION
Submit Application for Graduation (through UCDAccess student portal) to notify the University of intent to graduate	September 3, 2025	February 4, 2026	June 16, 2026
Submit Application for Candidacy form to your Program Director and Graduate Program Coordinator	October 31, 2025	April 3, 2026	June 26, 2026
Submit thesis/dissertation as a Word/PDF document for format review via email to CU Denver Writing Center	October 31, 2025	April 3, 2026	July 3, 2026
Submit Request for Examination to your Program Director or Exam Committee Chairperson to schedule final defense	2 weeks prior to exam No later than: November 21, 2025	2 weeks prior to exam No later than: April 24, 2026	2 weeks prior to exam No later than: July 24, 2026
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 21, 2025	April 30, 2026	July 24, 2026
Submit Thesis Approval Form to CLAS Graduate Program Coordinator	November 28, 2025	May 1, 2026	July 24, 2026
Submit final thesis/dissertation to ProQuest - Non-negotiable	December 5, 2025	May 8, 2026	July 31, 2026
END OF TERM	December 13, 2025	May 16, 2026	August 1, 2026
COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY	December 13, 2025	May 16, 2026	December 12, 2026

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.