

DEADLINES FOR DOWNTOWN DENVER CAMPUS STUDENTS PLANNING TO GRADUATE DURING THE 2025-2026 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 NON-THESIS MASTER'S 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
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 THESIS MASTER'S STUDENTS & EdD/PhD/PsyD 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 thesis/dissertation in a doc format for format review via email to the Writing Center	October 31, 2025	April 3, 2026	July 3, 2026
Submit Request for Examination to your Program Director or Dean to schedule final defense	2 weeks prior to exam No later than: November 7, 2025	2 weeks prior to exam No later than: April 10, 2026	2 weeks prior to exam No later than: July 10, 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 24, 2026	July 24, 2026
Submit Thesis Approval form to the Dean of your School or College	November 28, 2025	May 1, 2026	July 24, 2026
Submit final thesis/dissertation to ProQuest	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.