



Graduate School

Defense and Graduation Deadlines for Anschutz Medical Campus Non-Thesis MS Students Academic Year 2026-2027

NOTE: Missing deadlines will delay your degree conferral to the next semester. These deadlines are set a year in advance to help students plan and ensure all graduation requirements are met. MS thesis students follow different deadlines (see Graduation Deadlines for PhD and MS Thesis Students).

Task	Fall 2026 Graduation	Spring 2027 Graduation	Summer 2027 Graduation
Submit your Application for Graduation (in your UCDAccess student portal) to notify the Registrar and GS of your intent to graduate.	Between: June 8, 2026 and September 11, 2026	Between: September 14, 2026 and February 5, 2027	Between: February 8, 2027 and June 11, 2027
At least 2 weeks prior to the exam! Late requests may result in your committee not having your exam report form, which could delay your graduation.			
Submit Exam Request form to the Graduate School to schedule defense exam.	No later than: November 20, 2026	No later than: April 23, 2027	No later than: July 23, 2026
Submit Application for Candidacy form to the Graduate School.	With Exam Request	With Exam Request	With Exam Request
Take final comprehensive exam or give final presentation.	December 4, 2026	May 7, 2027	August 6, 2027
End of Term	December 18, 2026	May 21, 2027	August 20, 2027
Commencement	December 19, 2026	May 24, 2027	N/A

Reminders:

- Your program may have earlier internal deadlines, including for final exam scheduling.
- Access all forms from [Graduate School Resources](#) to ensure the correct forms are used.
- Refer to your unofficial transcript as you type your Application for Candidacy. Do not include failed classes or classes that will not be applied to your degree. Courses listed on the Application for Candidacy cannot be counted toward a future master's degree.
- Ensure all transfer credits are posted before submitting your Application for Candidacy.