

Doctoral Candidacy Exam and Master's Transfer DEADLINES 2026-2027

Please note that students transferring from a Master's to a doctoral program must strictly adhere to these deadlines, so that if successful, they can officially apply to the doctoral program for the next available term. More details on these processes can be found on the [Graduate Studies Website](#).

Step		Deadline: To complete all requirements by end of Fall 2026	Deadline: To complete all requirements by end of Winter 2027	Deadline: To complete all requirements by end of Summer 2027
Note: dates for steps 1-2 are based on dates for step #3.				
	Last recommended date to confirm candidacy committee and initiate Appointment of Doctoral Candidacy committee form , to allow sufficient time for signing by all members before due date, below	October 28, 2026	March 3, 2027	June 28, 2027
1	Last recommended date to ensure Appointment of Doctoral Candidacy Committee form is signed and submitted to SGPS for approval. <i>(no less than 5 weeks before exam)</i>	November 4, 2026	March 10, 2027	July 5, 2027
2	Last recommended date for student to submit thesis proposal to SGPS for distribution to candidacy committee members. <i>(no less than 4 weeks before exam)</i>	November 11, 2026	March 17, 2027	July 12, 2027
3	Last recommended date for oral examination in current term.	December 9, 2026	April 14, 2027	August 9, 2027
4	Last day for submission of Doctoral Candidacy Committee Decision form to SGPS.	December 16, 2026	April 21, 2027	August 16, 2027