

DOCTORAL THESIS DEADLINES 2026-2027

Step Note: recommended dates for steps 1-6 are based on step 7 dates.		Deadline: To complete all requirements by the end of Fall 2026	Deadline: To complete all requirements by the end of Winter 2027	Deadline: To complete all requirements by end of Summer 2027
1	Recommended date to confirm examiners and initiate Form 2.1D EE & UE , to allow sufficient time for signing by all members before due date, below.	September 16, 2026	January 20, 2027	May 17, 2027
2	Recommended date to ensure Form 2.1D EE & UE are signed and submitted to SGPS for approval. <i>(approximately 10 weeks before examination date)</i>	September 23, 2026	January 27, 2027	May 24, 2027
3	Recommended date to confirm examination committee and initiate Form 2.2D , to allow sufficient time for signing by all members before due date, below.	September 23, 2026 or once 2.1D forms are approved	January 27, 2027 or once 2.1D forms are approved	May 24, 2027 or once 2.1D forms are approved
4	Recommended date to ensure Form 2.2D is signed and submitted to SGPS for approval and thesis is submitted to SGPS for distribution. <i>(approximately 9 weeks before examination date)</i>	September 30, 2026	February 3, 2027	May 31, 2027
5	Last recommended date for thesis to be sent out by SGPS. <i>(Policy 8.3b) states: at least 8 weeks before examination)</i>	October 7, 2026	February 10, 2027	June 7, 2027
6	Last day for external examiner and university examiner to submit Form 3 –Examiner’s Report to SGPS <i>(due 10 Calendar days before exam date)</i>	November 22, 2026	March 28, 2027	July 23, 2027
7	Last recommended date for oral examination to be able to complete revisions and degree in current term	December 2, 2026	April 7, 2027	August 2, 2027
8	As per the academic schedule : last day for student to submit final thesis package and Certificate of Approval to SGPS for next available Convocation . Packages submitted after this date will be eligible for the subsequent Convocation.	December 16, 2026 • Eligible for June 2027 Convocation • Confirmation of completion available in January*	April 21, 2027 • Eligible for June 2027 Convocation • Confirmation of completion available in May*	August 16, 2027 • Eligible for October 2027 Convocation • Confirmation of completion available in September*
9	Last day for student to submit final thesis package and Certificate of Approval to SGPS to avoid fees next term . Packages submitted after this date will incur fees for next term.	January 8, 2027 • Eligible for June 2027 Convocation • Confirmation of completion available in May*	May 7, 2027 • Eligible for October 2027 Convocation • Confirmation of completion available in September*	September 3, 2027 • Eligible for June 2028 Convocation • Confirmation of completion available in January*

*Confirmation of completion may be requested sooner for an additional fee

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