

DOCTORAL THESIS DEADLINES 2025-2026

Task		Deadline: To complete all requirements by the end of Fall 2025	Deadline: To complete all requirements by the end of Winter 2026	Deadline: To complete all requirements by end of Summer 2026
Note: recommended dates for tasks 1-6 are based on task 7 dates.				
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 15, 2025	January 21, 2026	May 19, 2026
2	Recommended date to ensure Form 2.1D EE & UE are signed and submitted to SGPS for approval. (approximately 10 weeks before examination date)	September 22, 2025	January 28, 2026	May 26, 2026
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 22, 2025 or once 2.1D forms are approved	January 28, 2026 or once 2.1D forms are approved	May 26, 2026 or once 2.1D forms are approved
4	Recommended date to ensure Form 2.2D is signed and submitted to SGPS for approval. (approximately 9 weeks before examination date)	September 29, 2025	February 4, 2026	June 2, 2026
5	Last recommended date for thesis to be sent out by SGPS. (Policy 8.3b) states: at least 8 weeks before examination)	October 6, 2025	February 11, 2026	June 9, 2026
6	Last day for external examiner and university examiner to submit Form 3 – Examiner's Report to SGPS (due 10 Calendar days before exam date)	November 21, 2025	March 29, 2026	July 25, 2026
7	Last recommended date for oral examination to be able to complete revisions and degree in current term	December 1, 2025	April 8, 2026	August 4, 2026
8	As per the academic schedule : last day for student to submit final thesis package and Certificate of Approval to SGPS.	December 15, 2025	April 22, 2026	August 18, 2026
THESIS PACKAGES SUBMITTED AFTER THIS DEADLINE WILL RESULT IN FEES ADDED TO THE NEXT TERM.				

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