

## Defense and Graduation Deadlines for Anschutz Medical Campus Thesis MS and PhD Students Academic Year 2021-2022

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\*\*\* **Remember: No preliminary format review required!** \*\*\*

[Watch](#) how to prepare the correct forms and upload your dissertation.

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**Note:** If you miss deadlines in the current semester, your degree conferral will be postponed to the next semester. But if you defend before the end of the current semester, you don't have to register for additional credit; just apply again to graduate in the next semester. (Example: If you defend on November 22, 2021, apply to graduate in Spring 2022 but don't register for Spring 2022.)

Task	Fall 2021 Graduation	Spring 2022 Graduation	Summer 2022 Graduation
Submit your <b>Application for Graduation</b> (in your UCDAccess student portal) to notify the Registrar and GS of your intent to graduate.	Between: <b>June 14, 2021</b> and <b>September 10, 2021</b>	Between: <b>September 13, 2021</b> and <b>February 4, 2022</b>	Between: <b>February 7, 2022</b> and <b>June 10, 2022</b>
<b>Submit to your Program Administrator at least a month prior to the exam! Late requests may result in your committee not having your exam report form, which could delay your graduation.</b>			
Submit <b>Exam Request</b> form to the Graduate School to schedule defense exam.	No later than: <b>October 30, 2021</b>	No later than: <b>April 8, 2022</b>	No later than: <b>July 8, 2022</b>
<i>MS Only:</i> Submit <b>Application for Candidacy</b> form to the Graduate School.	<b>With Exam Request</b>	<b>With Exam Request</b>	<b>With Exam Request</b>
<i>PhD Only:</i> Submit your <b>Biosketch</b> to the Graduate School.	<b>With Exam Request</b>	<b>With Exam Request</b>	<b>With Exam Request</b>
Prepare <b>Thesis Approval</b> form and take it to your defense exam.	<b>By Defense Day</b>	<b>By Defense Day</b>	<b>By Defense Day</b>
Defend your thesis or dissertation.	No later than: <b>November 12, 2021</b>	No later than: <b>April 22, 2022</b>	No later than: <b>July 22, 2022</b>
Submit <b>Thesis Approval</b> form to the Graduate School via high quality scan & email.	No later than: <b>December 3, 2021</b>	No later than: <b>May 6, 2022</b>	No later than: <b>August 5, 2022</b>
Submit final thesis/dissertation to ProQuest.	No later than: <b>December 3, 2021</b>	No later than: <b>May 6, 2022</b>	No later than: <b>August 5, 2022</b>
Make final format edits through ProQuest.	<b>December 10, 2021</b>	<b>May 13, 2022</b>	<b>August 12, 2022</b>
<b>End of Term</b>	<b>December 17, 2021</b>	<b>May 20, 2022</b>	<b>August 19, 2022</b>
<b>Commencement</b>	<b>December 18, 2021</b>	<b>May 27, 2022</b>	<b>TBA</b>

### Reminders to all candidates:

- Follow the Format Requirements for Theses & Dissertations carefully.
- Download all forms directly from [Graduate School Resources](#) to ensure you have the most current version.
- Your program administrator should review all forms before you (or they) submit to the Graduate School.
- **You** must prepare and get your Thesis Approval form signed. This is separate from the Exam Report, which you will not handle. Both forms require similar signatures and are often confused (usually to the exclusion of the Thesis Approval).

### Reminders to Master's candidates:

- Refer to your unofficial transcript as you type your Application for Candidacy. The number of credits indicated on the first page should be the minimum required for your program of study. Do not include failed classes or classes that were not necessary for your degree. Courses listed on the Application for Candidacy cannot be counted toward a future master's degree.
- All transfer credits must be posted before you submit your Application for Candidacy.