# Thesis Deadlines

## Academic Year 2026-2027

Dates in **bold** are hard deadlines
Others are recommended to help you meet the hard **Final Deadlines**

| Graduation Application Deadlines & Credit Requirements | FALL<br>Dec 2026 |
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| You must be registered for **Thesis 699R** credits in the semester/term you publish your ETD | **2 credits** |
| **Add/Drop Deadline** | **Sept 10** |

Verify your Ecclesiastical Endorsement and Honor Code Commitment are valid through your graduation date

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| **Last Day to Apply for Graduation**<br>To apply go to https://gradprogress.sim.byu.edu → Apply for Graduation | **October 14** |

Spring/Summer grads planning on attending Graduation Ceremonies should apply sooner than the last day

For Graduation info (cap & gown, Grad Fair, Commencement tickets, etc.):
Apply by mid-February
To be listed on the College Commencement Program:
Apply by **March 12** (Accepted by **March 17**)

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| **Department Deadline to Accept Applications**<br>Your application will not be accepted until you have made a grad plan with Genevieve<br>Be sure to schedule an appointment with her before the last day | **October 28** |

| Thesis Defense/ETD Recommended Schedule | FALL |
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| **Submit Thesis to Committee Chair** 2 weeks before defense<br>· In Grad Progress, send chair request to certify you are ready for defense | Nov 6 |
| **Submit Thesis to Committee** 1 **week** before defense<br>· In Grad Progress, send request to certify you are ready for defense | Nov 13 |
| **Schedule Defense -** no less than **1 day** before defense date<br>· Committee must certify you are **Ready for Defense** to schedule it<br>· Contact Genevieve **TWO** business days before to schedule it | Nov 19 |
| · **Hold a final oral exam** (Recommended date)<br>· Complete qualifications and work with Genevieve on **thesis edits** | Nov 20 |
| · **Submit thesis ETD** for review and approvals on Grad Progress | Dec 4 |
| · **Last day to hold final oral exam** (After requires an exception from Dept, Dean, & GS) | **Dec 11** |
| · **Complete ETD edits** and submit to the college level | **Dec 16** |
| **Final Deadline**<br>· Complete all requirements and Graduate Studies **final ETD approval**<br>· **Exit Interview** completed before end of day | **Dec 18** |

Because of scheduling complications and time constraints for the faculty, staff, and students, the department does **NOT** allow **Thesis** defense or graduation in **Summer** term.