

## Dissertation Timeline and Deadlines for Graduation 2025-2026

DEFENSE COUNTDOWN DEADLINES			
DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING GRADUATION APPLICATION		<a href="#">Apply for graduation on Andrews University website:</a> Deadline to apply for December 2025 conferral is September 18, 2025 Deadline to apply for Spring 2026 graduation is January 15, 2026 Deadline to apply for Summer 2026 graduation is May 16, 2026	
RECOMMENDED FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION			
18 weeks before graduation  September (Fall) January (Spring) April (Summer)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The candidate must submit a completely edited copy of their dissertation, including abstract, all chapters, all appendices, complete bibliography, charts, and tables, numbered and complete to the dissertation committee.</li><li>• The candidate should discuss a pre-defense date with their committee.</li></ul>	
PRE-DEFENSE EDITING PERIOD			
Recommended timeline  August to Mid-October (Fall) January to February (Spring) April to May (Summer)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A pre-defense meeting must be held by the candidate with their dissertation committee to approve the dissertation for the final defense.</li><li>• The committee may ask the candidate to make corrections in the dissertation and request another pre-defense meeting.</li><li>• If the committee votes that the candidate is ready to defend, they will sign a “Ready for Defense” form.</li><li>• After making sure that all corrections have been made, the Dissertation Chair will submit signed Dissertation Defense Readiness form and application for the External Examiner. In addition, they will provide the date and time for the dissertation defense. At this point the dean will sign off on the Dissertation Defense and approve the External Examiner. An official confirmation of the dissertation defense will be emailed to the dissertation committee, the external examiner and the candidate.</li></ul>	
REQUIRED DISSERTATION DEADLINES			
8 weeks before end of term  <i>Deadline:</i> October 17, 2025 (Fall) March 5, 2026 (Spring) June 4, 2026 (Summer)		Oral defense of approved document.	
6 weeks before end of term  <i>Deadline:</i> October 30, 2025 (Fall) March 19, 2026 (Spring) June 18, 2026 (Summer)		Submit the completely edited draft to the Dissertation Chair:  Following the defense, make all changes/additions recommended by your dissertation committee and chair. Ensure that your document conforms to the AU Standards for Written work ( <a href="https://www.andrews.edu/grad/documents/standards-for-written-work-2015.pdf">https://www.andrews.edu/grad/documents/standards-for-written-work-2015.pdf</a> ).	
4 weeks before end of term  <i>Deadline:</i> November 13, 2025 (Fall) April 2, 2026 (Spring) July 2, 2026 (Summer)		Dissertation Office receives e-copy and all sign-offs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• When no further corrections are needed, ask your Dissertation Chair to send the final approved document (PDF format) and the signed and approved signature page (as a separate PDF) to the Dissertation Office <a href="mailto:dissertationoffice@andrews.edu">dissertationoffice@andrews.edu</a>.</li><li>• Follow the instructions given on the Dissertation Office website: <a href="https://www.andrews.edu/grad/resources/dissertation/index.html">https://www.andrews.edu/grad/resources/dissertation/index.html</a></li></ul>	
End of Term	Fall Term: December 11, 2025	Spring Term: April 30, 2026	Summer Term: July 31, 2026
December 2025 Conferral: 12/31/2025 Spring 2026 Graduation: 5/3/2026 Summer 2026 Graduation: 8/2/2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Questions regarding graduation weekend should be addressed to the Records: <a href="https://www.andrews.edu/services/registrar/students/graduation/index.html">https://www.andrews.edu/services/registrar/students/graduation/index.html</a></li></ul>		