



**Fall 2020 Graduation (December degree conferral)  
Timeline for Ph.D. and Ed.D. Students Submitting Dissertations or ELPs  
and M.S. in Human Development and Family Sciences Students Submitting Theses**

When developing your timeline for completion, please be aware of deadlines and procedures related to final submission of your dissertation, ELP or thesis:

1. University-level procedures: <https://grad.udel.edu/policies/step-by-step-guide-to-graduation/>  
(See step-by step guide and submission dates.)
2. Departmental procedures:
  - School of Education students: <http://www.education.udel.edu/resources/doctoral-defense-and-graduation-procedures/>.
  - HDFS students: <http://www.hdfs.udel.edu/current-graduate-students/>

<b>Date</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Notes</b>
September 15 Tues	Deadline to file the <a href="#">Application for Advanced Degree</a> (AAD)	All graduate students completing a degree at the end of the semester must complete the AAD. Your faculty advisor should sign the form first and then it should be sent right away to the Dean’s Office. The fee must be paid according to the instructions on the AAD form.
September 15 Tues	Deadline to submit the dissertation/ELP/thesis to your <b>committee</b>	This timeline gives your committee two weeks to read it and give you feedback before your defense. <b>Your paper is expected to be free of typos, grammatical errors, or substantive issues at this point.</b>
October 5 Mon	<b>Defense</b> should be held by this date	Make any corrections or revisions suggested by the committee before the defense.
October 19 Mon	Deadline of final, revised draft to <b>department chair</b>	Make any requested corrections or revisions based on the oral defense and submit the updated copy to the department chair.
November 2 Mon	Deadline for revised draft to <b>Dean Gary Henry</b>	Department chairs read and approve dissertation/EPP/ELP prior to submitting to the dean.
November 16 Mon	Deadline for the final version submitted to the <b>Graduate College</b>	This is the “final, perfect, all-changes -have- been-made” version. You also need to set up an appointment with the Graduate College to submit the required documents. See step 7 at <a href="http://www.grad.udel.edu/policies/step-by-step-guide-to-graduation/">http://www.grad.udel.edu/policies/step-by-step-guide-to-graduation/</a> .

Not meeting the above deadlines can result in your graduation semester being delayed and if you are not registered in other courses, you will be required to be registered in sustaining status each fall and spring semester until your degree is conferred. The fee for sustaining status is \$1,096 for doctoral students and \$726 for master’s students per semester (2020-21 rates).



**Winter 2021 Graduation (February degree conferral)  
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2. Departmental procedures:
  - School of Education students: <http://www.education.udel.edu/resources/doctoral-defense-and-graduation-procedures/>.
  - HDFs students: <http://www.hdfs.udel.edu/current-graduate-students/>

<b>Date</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Dec. 3, 2020 Thu	Deadline to file the <a href="#">Application for Advanced Degree</a> (AAD)	All graduate students completing a degree at the end of the semester must complete the AAD. Your faculty advisor should sign the form first and then it should be sent right away to the Dean’s Office. The fee must be paid according to the instructions on the AAD form.
Nov. 16, 2020 Mon	Deadline to submit the dissertation/ELP/thesis to your <b>committee</b>	This timeline gives your committee two weeks to read it and give you feedback before your defense. <b>Your paper is expected to be free of typos, grammatical errors, or substantive issues at this point.</b>
Nov. 30, 2020 Mon	<b>Defense</b> should be held by this date	Make any corrections or revisions suggested by the committee before the defense.
Dec. 14, 2020 Mon	Deadline of final, revised draft to <b>department chair</b>	Make any requested corrections or revisions based on the oral defense and submit the updated copy to the department chair.
Jan. 4, 2020 Mon	Deadline for revised draft to <b>Dean Gary Henry</b>	Department chairs read and approve dissertation/EPP/ELP prior to submitting to the dean.
Jan. 18, 2021 Mon	Deadline for the final version submitted to the <b>Graduate College</b>	This is the “final, perfect, all-changes -have- been-made” version. You also need to set up an appointment with the Graduate College to submit the required documents. See step 7 at <a href="http://www.grad.udel.edu/policies/step-by-step-guide-to-graduation/">http://www.grad.udel.edu/policies/step-by-step-guide-to-graduation/</a> .

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**Spring 2021 Graduation (May degree conferral)**  
**Timeline for M.S. in Human Development and Family Sciences Students Submitting Theses**

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1. University-level procedures: <https://grad.udel.edu/policies/step-by-step-guide-to-graduation/>  
(See step-by step guide and submission dates.)
2. Departmental procedures:
  - HDFS students: <http://www.hdfs.udel.edu/current-graduate-students/>

Date	Item	Notes
February 19 Fri	<a href="#">Application for Advanced Degree</a> (AAD) due	All graduate students completing a degree at the end of the semester must complete the AAD. Your faculty advisor should sign the form first and then it should be sent right away to the Dean’s Office in 106 Alison Hall West. The fee may be paid at the Cashier’s Office and attach the receipt to your AAD form, or you may attach a check (payable to University of Delaware) to your AAD.
February 19 Fri	Deadline to submit the master’s thesis to <b>committee</b> .	This timeline gives your committee about two weeks to read it and give you feedback before your defense. <b>Your paper is expected to be free of typos, grammatical errors or substantive issues at this point.</b>
March 8 Mon	<b>Defense</b> should be held by this date	Make any corrections or revisions suggested by the committee before the defense.
March 22 Mon	Deadline of final, revised draft to <b>department chair</b>	Make any requested corrections or revisions based on the oral defense and submit the updated copy to the department chair.
April 5 Mon	Deadline for revised draft of dissertations/EPP/ELPs to <b>Dean Gary Henry</b>	Department chairs read and approve thesis prior to submitting to the dean.
April 19 Mon	Deadline for the final version of the dissertation/EPP/ ELP due in the <b>Graduate College</b>	This is the “final, perfect, all-changes -have- been-made” version. You also need to set up an appointment with the Office of Graduate and Professional Education to submit the required documents. See step 7 at <a href="http://www.grad.udel.edu/policies/step-by-step-guide-to-graduation/">http://www.grad.udel.edu/policies/step-by-step-guide-to-graduation/</a> .

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**Summer 2021 Graduation (August degree conferral)  
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May 10 Mon	Deadline to file the <a href="#">Application for Advanced Degree</a> (AAD)	All graduate students completing a degree at the end of the semester must complete the AAD. Your faculty advisor should sign the form first and then it should be sent right away to the Dean’s Office. The fee must be paid according to the instructions on the AAD form.
May 10 Mon	Deadline to submit the dissertation/ELP/thesis to your <b>committee</b>	This timeline gives your committee two weeks to read it and give you feedback before your defense. <b>Your paper is expected to be free of typos, grammatical errors, or substantive issues at this point.</b>
June 1 Tues	<b>Defense</b> should be held by this date	Make any corrections or revisions suggested by the committee before the defense.
June 21 Mon	Deadline of final, revised draft to <b>department chair</b>	Make any requested corrections or revisions based on the oral defense and submit the updated copy to the department chair.
July 5 Mon	Deadline for revised draft to <b>Dean Gary Henry</b>	Department chairs read and approve dissertation/EPP/ELP prior to submitting to the dean.
July 19 Mon	Deadline for the final version submitted to the <b>Graduate College</b>	This is the “final, perfect, all-changes -have- been-made” version. You also need to set up an appointment with the Graduate College to submit the required documents. See step 7 at <a href="http://www.grad.udel.edu/policies/step-by-step-guide-to-graduation/">http://www.grad.udel.edu/policies/step-by-step-guide-to-graduation/</a> .

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