



**Fall 2021 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/>

Date	Item	Notes
September 15 Wed	Deadline to file the Application for Advanced Degree (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 Wed	Deadline to submit the dissertation/ELP/thesis to your committee	This timeline gives your committee two weeks to read it and give you feedback before your defense. Your paper is expected to be free of typos, grammatical errors, or substantive issues at this point.
October 4 Mon	Defense should be held by this date	Make any corrections or revisions suggested by the committee before the defense.
October 18 Mon	Deadline of final, revised draft to department chair	Make any requested corrections or revisions based on the oral defense and submit the updated copy to the department chair.
November 1 Mon	Deadline for revised draft to Dean Gary Henry	Department chairs read and approve dissertation/EPP/ELP prior to submitting to the dean.
November 15 Mon	Deadline for the final version submitted to the Graduate College	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 http://www.grad.udel.edu/policies/step-by-step-guide-to-graduation/ .

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 \$1,118 for doctoral students and \$741 for master’s students per semester (2021-22 rates).



**Winter 2022 Graduation (February degree conferral)
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Date	Item	Notes
Dec. 2, 2021 Tues	Deadline to file the Application for Advanced Degree (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. 15, 2021 Mon	Deadline to submit the dissertation/ELP/thesis to your committee	This timeline gives your committee two weeks to read it and give you feedback before your defense. Your paper is expected to be free of typos, grammatical errors, or substantive issues at this point.
Nov. 29, 2021 Mon	Defense should be held by this date	Make any corrections or revisions suggested by the committee before the defense.
Dec. 13, 2021 Mon	Deadline of final, revised draft to department chair	Make any requested corrections or revisions based on the oral defense and submit the updated copy to the department chair.
Jan. 3, 2022 Mon	Deadline for revised draft to Dean Gary Henry	Department chairs read and approve dissertation/EPP/ELP prior to submitting to the dean.
Jan. 17, 2022 Mon	Deadline for the final version submitted to the Graduate College	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 http://www.grad.udel.edu/policies/step-by-step-guide-to-graduation/ .

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Spring 2022 Graduation (May degree conferral)
Timeline for Ph.D. and Ed.D. Students Submitting Dissertations or ELPs

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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/>

Date	Item	Notes
February 14	Deadline to file the Application for Advanced Degree (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.
February 14	Deadline to submit the dissertation/ELP/thesis to your committee	This timeline gives your committee two weeks to read it and give you feedback before your defense. Your paper is expected to be free of typos, grammatical errors, or substantive issues at this point.
February 28	Defense should be held by this date	Make any corrections or revisions suggested by the committee before the defense.
March 14	Deadline of final, revised draft to department chair	Make any requested corrections or revisions based on the oral defense and submit the updated copy to the department chair.
March 28 Mon	Deadline for revised draft to Dean Gary Henry	Department chairs read and approve dissertation/EPP/ELP prior to submitting to the dean.
April 18 Mon	Deadline for the final version submitted to the Graduate College	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 http://www.grad.udel.edu/policies/step-by-step-guide-to-graduation/ .

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**Summer 2022 Graduation (August degree conferral)
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Date	Item	Notes
May 2 Mon	Deadline to file the Application for Advanced Degree (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 9 Mon	Deadline to submit the dissertation/ELP/thesis to your committee	This timeline gives your committee two weeks to read it and give you feedback before your defense. Your paper is expected to be free of typos, grammatical errors, or substantive issues at this point.
May 31 Tues	Defense should be held by this date	Make any corrections or revisions suggested by the committee before the defense.
June 20 Mon	Deadline of final, revised draft to department chair	Make any requested corrections or revisions based on the oral defense and submit the updated copy to the department chair.
July 4 Mon	Deadline for revised draft to Dean Gary Henry	Department chairs read and approve dissertation/EPP/ELP prior to submitting to the dean.
July 18 Mon	Deadline for the final version submitted to the Graduate College	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 http://www.grad.udel.edu/policies/step-by-step-guide-to-graduation/ .

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