

2025-2026 Defense Dates & Deadlines Timeline

**** Please note Rackham Deadlines are firm.**

Defense Term Conferral Date Rackham Hooding Commencement	Selection of Committee Members: (4-6 months before Defense) <i>Latest Date:</i>	Schedule Defense Date: (10 weeks before Defense)	Copies of Thesis to Committee Members: (Recommended 9 weeks before Defense)	Rackham Pre-Defense: (3 weeks before Defense)	Readers' Reports Due to math-grad-office: (2 weeks before Defense)	Rackham Thesis Committee Member Forms Deadline & DC Thesis Approval Due: (3 days before Defense)	Recommended Defense Date: (2 weeks before Rackham deadline) <i>Latest Date:</i>	Rackham Post-Defense Deadline:
Fall 2025 - December 13, 2025 - May 2026 Rackham Graduate Exercises - December 2025 Winter Commencement	7/12/2025	8/23/2025	8/30/2025	10/11/2025	10/18/2025	10/28/2025	11/1/2025	11/14/2025
Fall 2025 Grace - May 1, 2026 - May 2026 Rackham Graduate Exercises - May 2026 Spring Commencement	9/23/2025	11/4/2025	11/11/2025	12/23/2025	12/30/2025	1/9/2026	1/13/2026	1/27/2026
Winter 2026 - May 1, 2026 - May 2026 Rackham Graduate Exercises - May 2026 Spring Commencement	11/28/2025	1/9/2026	1/16/2026	2/27/2026	3/6/2026	3/16/2026	3/20/2026	4/3/2026

Winter 2026 Grace - August 14, 2026 - April 2027 Rackham Graduate Exercises - December 2026 Winter Commencement	2/13/2026	3/27/2026	4/3/2026	5/15/2026	5/22/2026	6/1/2026	6/5/2026	6/19/2026
Sp/Su 2026 - August 14, 2026 - April 2027 Rackham Graduate Exercises - December 2026 Winter Commencement	3/27/2026	5/8/2026	5/15/2026	6/26/2026	7/3/2026	7/13/2026	7/17/2026	7/31/2026
Sp/Su 2026 Grace - December 18, 2026 - May 2027 Rackham Graduate Exercises - December 2026 Winter Commencement	5/11/2026	6/22/2026	6/29/2026	8/10/2026	8/17/2026	8/27/2026	8/31/2026	9/14/2026
Fall 2026 - December 18, 2026 - May 2027 Rackham Graduate Exercises - December 2026 Winter Commencement	7/11/2026	8/22/2026	8/29/2026	10/10/2026	10/17/2026	10/27/2026	10/31/2026	11/13/2026
Fall 2026 Grace - May 1, 2027 - May 2027 Rackham Graduate Exercises - May 2027 Spring Commencement	9/22/2026	11/3/2026	11/10/2026	12/22/2026	12/29/2026	1/8/2027	1/12/2027	1/26/2027