2024-2025 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) *Latest Date:*	**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)	**Doctoral Committee Approval & Reader Reports Due:** (2 weeks before Defense)	**Rackham Thesis Committee Member Forms Deadline:** (3 days before Defense)	**Recommended Defense Date:** (2 weeks before Rackham deadline) *Latest Date:*	**Rackham Post-Defense Deadline:**
Fall 2024 ○ December 15, 2024 ○ May 2025 Rackham Graduate Exercises ○ December 2024 Winter Commencement	7/12/2024	8/23/2024	8/30/2024	10/11/2024	10/18/2024	10/28/2024	11/1/2024	11/15/2024
Fall 2024 Grace ○ May 2, 2025 ○ May 2025 Rackham Graduate Exercises ○ May 2025 Spring Commencement	9/24/2024	11/5/2024	11/12/2024	12/24/2024	12/31/2024	1/10/2025	1/14/2025	1/28/2025
Winter 2025 ○ May 2, 2025 ○ May 2025 Rackham Graduate Exercises ○ May 2025 Spring Commencement	11/29/2024	1/10/2025	1/17/2025	2/28/2025	3/7/2025	3/17/2025	3/21/2025	4/4/2025
Winter 2025 Grace ○ August 15, 2025 ○ April 2026 Rackham Graduate Exercises ○ December 2025 Winter Commencement	2/14/2025	3/28/2025	4/4/2025	5/16/2025	5/23/2025	6/2/2025	6/6/2025	6/20/2025
Sp/Su 2025 ○ August 15, 2025 ○ April 2026 Rackham Graduate Exercises ○ December 2025 Winter Commencement	3/28/2025	5/9/2025	5/16/2025	6/27/2025	7/4/2025	7/14/2025	7/18/2025	8/1/2025
Sp/Su 2025 Grace	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD