

Graduate School Degree and Dissertator Eligibility Deadlines 2025 – 2026

Fall 2025 (1262)

September 2	Fall degree window period deadline*
September 2	Dissertator Eligibility for fall 2025
November 28	Request for all Master's and Doctoral Degree Warrants
December 19	Master's Degree Deadline. Degree candidates must complete all steps: https://grad.wisc.edu/current-students/masters-guide/
December 21	Doctoral Degree Deadline. Degree candidates must complete all steps: https://grad.wisc.edu/current-students/doctoral-guide/

Spring 2026 (1264)

December 22	Spring Degree Window Period begins*
January 16	Spring Degree Window Period deadline for master's students*
January 16	Dissertator Eligibility for spring 2026
January 19	Spring Degree Window Period deadline for doctoral students*
April 17	Request for all Master's and Doctoral Degree Warrants
May 8	Master's Degree Deadline. Degree candidates must complete all steps: https://grad.wisc.edu/current-students/masters-guide/
May 10	Doctoral Degree Deadline. Degree candidates must complete all steps: https://grad.wisc.edu/current-students/doctoral-guide/

Summer 2026 (1266)

May 11	Summer Degree Window Period begins*
June 12	Summer Degree Window Period deadline for master's students*
June 12	Dissertator Eligibility for summer 2026
June 14	Summer Degree Window Period deadline for doctoral students*
July 31	Request for all Master's and Doctoral Degree Warrants
August 21	Master's Degree deadline. Degree candidates must complete all steps: https://grad.wisc.edu/current-students/masters-guide/
August 23	Doctoral Degree Deadline. Degree candidates must complete all steps: https://grad.wisc.edu/current-students/doctoral-guide/

Fall 2026 (1272)

August 24	Fall Degree Window Period begins*
September 1	Fall Degree Window Period deadline*
September 1	Dissertator Eligibility for fall 2026

*Important Note: The “Window Period” is the time between the end of one degree period and the beginning of the next. **You must have been registered for the previous semester (Fall, Spring, or Summer).** If all degree requirements are met by the end of the window period, your degree will be granted for the **following** semester. However, you will not have to register or pay fees for the next semester.