

Spring 2024

Doctoral Student Calendar Deadlines

January 8

Final Draft Dissertation Proposal Submission to Dissertation Advisor. Deadline for student to submit to the Dissertation Advisor a copy of the final draft dissertation proposal and answers to comprehensive questions for the comprehensive exam in February.

January 15

Final Draft Dissertation Submission to Committee. Deadline for students to submit to their committee members a copy of the full, final dissertation, which was approved by the Dissertation Advisor and answers to comprehensive questions for the comprehensive exam in February. Failure to meet this deadline results in cancellation of the comprehensive examination.

January 22

Final Draft Dissertation Submission to Dissertation Advisor. Deadline for students to submit to the Dissertation Advisor a final draft dissertation for approval to take the final oral exam in February.

January 30

Full, Final Dissertation Submission to Committee. Student distributes to committee members a copy of the full, final dissertation which, was approved by the Dissertation Advisor for the final oral exam in February. Failure to meet this deadline results in cancellation of final oral examination.

February 5 - 9

Comprehensive Examination. Comprehensive examination administered by the student's doctoral committee. Presentation of dissertation proposal required. Requires registration at Penn State during current semester.

February 12 - 16

*Final Oral **Dissertation** Examination.* Final oral examinations administered. Requires registration at Penn State during current semester. In order to graduate in the Spring semester, please see the dissertation calendar (see <http://gradschool.psu.edu/current-students/etd/thesisdissertationperformance-calendar/>)

March 18

*Final Draft **Dissertation** Submission to Dissertation Advisor.* Deadline for students to submit to the Dissertation Advisor a final draft dissertation for approval to take the final oral dissertation exam in April.

March 25

Full, Final Dissertation Submission to Committee. Student distributes to committee members a copy of the full, final dissertation, which was approved by the Dissertation Advisor for the final oral exam in April. Failure to meet this deadline results in cancellation of the final oral examination.

April 8 - 12

Final Oral Examination. Final oral examination administered. Requires registration at Penn State during the current semester. Please see the dissertation calendar: <http://gradschool.psu.edu/current-students/etd/thesisdissertationperformance-calendar/>

April 15

Comprehensive Examination and Final Oral Examination Scheduling for Fall. Deadline for approval of scheduling of comprehensive examination or final oral examination. Student must submit a checklist (<https://sites.psu.edu/wfedresources/files/2022/02/Spring-2023-Doctoral-Calendar.pdf>) signed by both student and Dissertation Advisor to WFED Administrative Assistant. After submitting the checklist, the student is responsible for finding a common date/time with their doctoral committee for the Fall exam during scheduled weeks in September and December (see Fall Calendar). The student is responsible for communicating the date/time with the Workforce Education and Development Administrative Assistant so the paperwork can be completed and a room can be reserved.