

BGSU GRADUATE COLLEGE DATES TO REMEMBER AY 2025-2026

The below deadlines are final Graduate College deadlines; however, individual programs may establish earlier deadlines. The appropriate program handbook or Graduate Coordinator should be consulted. Students are reminded to work ahead of these deadlines to avoid delaying graduation. All forms are due to the Graduate College by 5 pm on the specified date.

Summer Semester 2025

Friday, January 24 th , 2025 **	Approval of dissertation topic (Admission to doctoral candidacy) **
Saturday, March 15 th , 2025	Graduation application available online
Friday, April 25 th , 2025	Approval of thesis topic
Friday, May 30 th , 2025	Graduation application deadline
Friday, July 4 th , 2025	Completed Thesis/Dissertation Defense and Manuscript Approval Form. Students should plan to defend 2 weeks prior to this deadline to allow for revisions/approvals.
Friday, July 11 th , 2025	OhioLINK upload of approved, final copy of master's thesis/doctoral dissertation
Friday, August 8 th , 2025	Results of the capstone experience for Plan II master's degrees
Saturday, August 9 th , 2025	Commencement

Fall Semester 2025

Friday, May 30 th , 2025 **	Approval of dissertation topic (Admission to doctoral candidacy) **
Tuesday, July 15 th , 2025	Graduation application available online
Friday, August 1 st , 2025	Approval of thesis topic
Friday, September 19 th , 2025	Graduation application deadline
Friday, November 7 th , 2025	Completed Thesis/Dissertation Defense and Manuscript Approval Form. Students should plan to defend 2 weeks prior to this deadline to allow for revisions/approvals.
Friday, November 14 th , 2025	OhioLINK upload of approved, final copy of master's thesis/doctoral dissertation
Friday, December 12 th , 2025	Results of the capstone experience for Plan II master's degrees
Friday-Saturday, December 12 th -13 th , 2025	Commencement

Spring Semester 2026

Friday, September 5 th , 2025 **	Approval of dissertation topic (Admission to doctoral candidacy) **
Wednesday, October 15 th , 2025	Graduation application available online
Friday, December 5 th , 2025	Approval of thesis topic
Friday, February 6 th , 2026	Graduation application deadline
Friday, March 27 th , 2026	Completed Thesis/Dissertation Defense and Manuscript Approval Form. Students should plan to defend 2 weeks prior to this deadline to allow for revisions/approvals.
Friday, April 3 rd , 2026	OhioLINK upload of approved, final copy of master's thesis/doctoral dissertation
Friday, May 1 st , 2026	Results of the capstone experience for Plan II master's degrees
Friday-Saturday, May 1 st -2 nd , 2026	Commencement

**Other dissertation topic approval deadline *may* be acceptable if approved by program