



Clark Atlanta University Graduate Education

Thesis and Dissertation Submission Deadlines 2026-2027 Academic Year

Graduate students who plan to complete degree requirements for the Fall 2026 semester, Spring 2027 semester, or Summer 2027 term must adhere to the following submission deadlines:

Submission Deadlines by Level	Thesis/Dissertation Submitted to:	Degree Completion/ Graduation Date
August 19, 2026 through September 28, 2026*	Committee Chair/Committee Members and Department Chair for Reviews and Signatures	Fall/December 2026 Graduation
October 5, 2026*	School Dean for Review and Signature	Fall/December 2026 Graduation
October 19, 2026	Graduate Education for Review	Fall/December 2026 Graduation
October 8, 2026 through December 11, 2026*	Committee Chair/Committee Members and Department Chair for Reviews and Signatures	Spring/May 2027 Graduation
February 22, 2027*	School Dean for Review and Signature	Spring/May 2027 Graduation
March 8, 2027	Graduate Education for Review	Spring/May 2027 Graduation
March 15, 2027 through May 7, 2027*	Committee Chair/Committee Members and Department Chair for Reviews and Signatures	Summer/August 2027 Graduation
May 24, 2026*	School Dean for Review and Signature	Summer/August 2027 Graduation
June 7, 2027	Graduate Education for Review	Summer/August 2027 Graduation

Asterisks denote recommended department and school deadlines for timely completions.

Note: **Defenses should be scheduled prior to the committee's submission deadline.** The signed Transmittal Form must be received in Graduate Education (sent from the School Dean/designee) prior to the student being permitted to submit the thesis/dissertation for review. Submitters will be notified to upload the approved thesis or dissertation via their CAU student email. **Graduate students are required to attend submission-related workshops and trainings.**

Graduate students must be enrolled for a minimum of one (1) credit hour during the semester/term of degree completion (Thesis Consultation or Dissertation Consultation, Thesis Research or Dissertation Research). *International students may have different requirements. See Department/ International Programs for specifics.* **Graduate Education Review Deadlines are FIRM.**