

Graduate School Degree and Dissertator Eligibility Deadlines 2026-2027

Fall 2026 (1272)

September 1	Fall Degree Window Period deadline*
September 1	Dissertator Eligibility for Fall 2026
November 27	Request for all Master's and Doctoral Degree Warrants
December 18	Master's Degree Deadline. Degree candidates must complete all steps: https://grad.wisc.edu/academics/masters-guide/
December 20	Doctoral Degree Deadline. Degree candidates must complete all steps: https://grad.wisc.edu/academics/doctoral-guide/

Spring 2027 (1274)

December 21	Spring Degree Window Period begins*
January 15	Spring Degree Window Period deadline for master's students*
January 15	Dissertator Eligibility for Spring 2026
January 18	Spring Degree Window Period deadline for doctoral students*
April 16	Request for all Master's and Doctoral Degree Warrants
May 7	Master's Degree Deadline. Degree candidates must complete all steps: https://grad.wisc.edu/academics/masters-guide/
May 9	Doctoral Degree Deadline. Degree candidates must complete all steps: https://grad.wisc.edu/academics/doctoral-guide/

Summer 2027 (1276)

May 10	Summer Degree Window Period begins*
June 11	Summer Degree Window Period deadline for master's students*
June 11	Dissertator Eligibility for Summer 2026
June 13	Summer Degree Window Period deadline for doctoral students*
July 30	Request for all Master's and Doctoral Degree Warrants
August 20	Master's Degree deadline. Degree candidates must complete all steps: https://grad.wisc.edu/academics/masters-guide/
August 22	Doctoral Degree Deadline. Degree candidates must complete all steps: https://grad.wisc.edu/academics/doctoral-guide/

Fall 2027 (1282)

August 23	Fall Degree Window Period begins*
September 1	Fall Degree Window Period deadline*
September 1	Dissertator Eligibility for Fall 2027

*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.