Fall 2025 Deadlines

Reminder: all graduate forms must be submitted electronically using the [Graduate Program Form-Submission Survey](#). No paper copy of the forms will be accepted.

• **Choosing an advisor** (Incoming students)

   Submission deadline: December 31st

• **Candidacy written report** (Students in their 3rd semester/Admitted Fall 2024)

   First report due: December 12th

The [formatted report](#) must be sent to **all your committee members** by email. Before scheduling your oral presentation, you must obtain at least a written approval (email) of your report from all your committee members.

• **Independent development plan (all Students)**

   Anytime

• **December 2025 Graduation Deadlines** (Students intending to graduate with an MS or PhD degree in December 2025)

Deadline	Activity	Notes
Tuesday, August 19	Online application for graduation **OPENS**	See [here](#) for more information.
Friday, October 10	Online application for graduation **CLOSES**	This deadline is absolutely firm. No exceptions will be made for students who forget or miss this deadline.
Monday, November 3	Last date to declare a defense	Must submit the Thesis and Dissertation Defense Date Declaration form, no less than **two weeks** prior to the defense (per WVU Catalog rules). See [here](#) for form and processes, and [here](#) for catalog.
Monday, November 17	Last date to hold a defense	Reminder: Thesis and Dissertation Oral Defense form must be signed and returned to the Eberly Assistant Dean for Graduate Studies within **48-hours** after the defense. See [here](#) for form and processes.
Friday, December 12 (5:00p.m.)	ETD submission deadline	Reminder: the ETD must be submitted and accepted by Wise Library. Follow the University Calendar and check the ETD website for submission deadline. See [here](#) for more information.

• **Doctoral Academic Enrichment Fund** (All graduate students)

   Application deadline: First Friday of each month.