

## Fall 2026 Deadlines

- **Plan of studies** (all students in their second semester)

Submission deadline: May 1st

- **Candidacy written report** (Students granted an extension in Fall 2025)

Final report due: May 1st

- **Candidacy written report** (Students in their fourth semester who submitted their written candidacy report in December 2025)

Seek feedback from your committee: asap

Final report due by mid-semester: February 27th

Last date to complete a rewrite of the report (as requested by the committee): April 17th

*Committee chair: submit the [Candidacy Exam Result WRITTEN](#) form asap after approval.*

- **Candidacy oral presentation** (Students in their fourth semester who submitted their written candidacy report in December 2025)

Before scheduling your oral presentation, you must obtain at least a written approval (email) of your report from all your committee members. Your committee is encouraged to complete and sign the [Candidacy Exam Result WRITTEN](#) form before your presentation.

Last day to present: May 1st

Last day to petition for an extension: April 17<sup>th</sup>

*Committee chair: submit the [Candidacy Exam Result Oral](#) form asap after the defense.*

- **Annual research reports** (All students who obtained candidacy during or before Fall 2025)

Last day to submit the report: April 17<sup>th</sup>

The form must be filled out electronically using:

[https://wvu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_5tnMy6pcUNKWitE](https://wvu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5tnMy6pcUNKWitE)

- **May 2026 Graduation Deadlines** (Students intending to graduate with a MS or PhD in May 2026)

Deadline	Activity	Notes
Tuesday, January 30	Online application for graduation <b>OPENS</b>	See <a href="#">here</a> for more information.
Friday, March 13	Online application for graduation <b>CLOSES</b>	This deadline is absolutely firm. No exceptions will be made for students who forget or miss this deadline.
Thursday, April 2	Last date to declare a defense	Must submit the Thesis and Dissertation Defense Date Declaration form, no less than <b>two weeks</b> prior to the defense (per WVU Catalog rules). See <a href="#">here</a> for form and processes, and <a href="#">here</a> for catalog.
Thursday, April 16	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 <b>48-hours</b> after the defense. See <a href="#">here</a> for form and processes.
Friday, May 1 (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 <a href="#">here</a> for more information.

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

Application deadline: First Friday of each month