

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)

- **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: Details will be announced soon.