

Graduation Deadlines for Graduate Students

Deadline	Intended Graduation Date				
	May 2017	August 2017	December 2017	May 2018	August 2018
Application for degree available via MyNIU	May 12, 2016	November 4, 2016	January 10, 2017	July 10, 2017	November 3, 2017
Deadline to submit Application for Degree. Graduation fee applied to bursar's account when application is submitted.	February 14, 2017	April 14, 2017	September 15, 2017	February 14, 2018	April 14, 2018
Deadline to defer graduation for the current semester. (EFORM available)	March 10, 2017	June 12, 2017	September 29, 2017	March 9, 2018	June 8, 2018
Thesis Students: Deadline to submit request for oral defense of thesis (EFORM available)	March 10, 2017	June 12, 2017	September 29, 2017	March 9, 2018	June 8, 2018
Doctoral Students: Deadline to submit request for oral defense of dissertation (three weeks in advance of proposed defense date). The request for oral defense must be accompanied by a paper copy of the complete dissertation (called the "draft version"). (EFORM available)	March 10, 2017	June 12, 2017	September 29, 2017	March 9, 2018	June 8, 2018
Deadline to submit results of oral defense. Results must be submitted by your faculty director within three days of the defense but in any case on or before this date. The form may be faxed to 815.753.6366 or hand delivered to The Graduate School (EFORM available)	April 7, 2017	July 10, 2017	October 25, 2017	April 2, 2018	July 2, 2018
Deadline to submit post-defense version of the thesis or dissertation for Graduate School review (Link to the NIU ETD website)	April 10, 2017	July 14, 2017	October 31, 2017	April 6, 2018	July 6, 2018
Deadline to submit comprehensive exam results form for masters' students (EFORM available)	May 5, 2017	August 4, 2017	December 1, 2017	May 4, 2018	August 3, 2018
Commencement Ceremony	May 12, 2017	No Ceremony	December 16, 2017	May 11, 2018	No Ceremony
Degree Date	May 13, 2017	August 13, 2017	December 17, 2017	May 12, 2018	August 12, 2018