

Graduation Deadlines for Graduate Students

Deadline	Intended Graduation Date				
	May 2018	August 2018	December 2018	May 2019	
Application for degree available via MyNIU	July 10, 2017	November 3, 2017	January 10, 2018	July 10, 2018	
Deadline to submit Application for Degree. Graduation fee applied to bursar's account when application is submitted.	February 14, 2018	June 1, 2018	September 15, 2018	February 14, 2019	
Deadline to defer graduation for the current semester. (EFORM available)	March 9, 2018	June 8, 2018	October 9, 2018	March 12, 2019	
Thesis Students: Deadline to submit request for oral defense of thesis (EFORM available)	March 9, 2018	June 8, 2018	October 9, 2018	March 12, 2019	
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 9, 2018	June 8, 2018	October 9, 2018	March 12, 2019	
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 2, 2018	July 2, 2018	October 30, 2018	April 2, 2019	
Deadline to submit post-defense version of the thesis or dissertation for Graduate School review (Link to the NIU ETD website)	April 6, 2018	July 6, 2018	November 2, 2018	April 5, 2019	
Deadline to submit comprehensive exam results form for masters' students (EFORM available)	May 4, 2018	August 2, 2018	November 30, 2018	May 3, 2019	
Commencement Ceremony	May 11, 2018	No Ceremony	December 15, 2018	May 10, 2019	