

Fall 2026 Graduation Deadlines for Master's Students

Diploma date of **December 31, 2026 ***

Graduation applications available	April 13, 2026
Last day to apply for graduation!	September 4, 2026
Advisors must approve all degree adjustments	December 11, 2026
Incomplete and RP grades must be removed (except 799A)	December 31, 2026
Master's Plan A (Thesis) Montezuma Publishing deadlines	
First thesis submission day of semester ¹	August 19, 2026
<i>Formatted</i> thesis "low risk" submission deadline ²	October 23, 2026 2:45 PM deadline
<i>Unformatted</i> thesis "low risk" submission deadline ³	Contact Montezuma Formatting for deadline
Publication deadline ⁴	December 11, 2026 strict 2:45 PM deadline
Last thesis submission day of semester ¹	December 18, 2026 strict 2:45 PM deadline
Master's Plan B culminating	
Advisor deadline to report completion of the culminating experience to Graduate Studies	December 11, 2026

* [Diploma date and updated transcripts *](#)

Official SDSU transcripts showing that the degree was awarded can take up to 6 weeks after the diploma date. Diplomas are mailed 8-10 weeks after the diploma date. You must verify that the "mailing" address for the diploma is correct in my.SDSU.

[Applying for graduation](#)

You must apply for graduation through your my.SDSU account (**\$181 graduation application fee**), even if not attending the commencement ceremony. If you do not graduate, your application will automatically re-evaluated for up to 3 semesters. If you have missed the graduation application deadline, please contact Graduate Studies at gra@sdsu.edu or 619-594-5213.

[Deadline descriptions](#)

- ¹ Thesis submission requires a signed cover page, electronic copy of appropriately formatted thesis, and a **thesis review fee**. Submissions during this semester (see the exact date range above) require 799A or 799B enrollment this semester, which will be verified at the time of submission. If thesis *publication* takes place in the next semester, a new 799A/799B registration will not be required. Additional fees are required if three or more formatting reviews are required by Montezuma Publishing.
- ² The submission deadline for [Montezuma Publishing](#) is "low risk", rather than strict. Students who submit by this deadline and have few formatting errors are very likely to receive a degree in the same semester. The likelihood of missing this semester's *publication* deadline increases with each passing day that the thesis is not yet submitted. Documents are reviewed in the order received.
- ³ If you elect to hire a freelance formatter or [Montezuma Formatting](#) to *format* your thesis, then the unformatted thesis may need to be submitted even earlier than the formatted submission deadline. Contact the corresponding formatting service for details.
- ⁴ The publication deadline is a **strict 2:45 PM** deadline for thesis formatting approval and payment of the **publication fee**. The degree cannot be issued this semester if fee payment and publication approval occurs after this date. **This is a strict deadline.** The publishing fee covers ProQuest submission, electronic files, and SDSU Library abstract. Thesis publication is a degree requirement and the thesis is not "published" until final payment is made.