2020 Graduation Deadlines for Graduate Students

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<td>Last day to apply for graduation!</td>
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Incomplete and RP grades must be removed (except 799A) | August 19, 2020 | December 31, 2020 |

Doctoral dissertation submission and review deadlines

1. Thesis/Dissertation Submission **strict 3:45 PM deadline**
   - June 26, 2020
   - October 28, 2020

2. Thesis/Dissertation Publication **strict 3:45 PM deadline**
   - August 19, 2020
   - December 18, 2020
   - August 26, 2020
   - December 31, 2020

3. Avoid reenrollment in 799B (Master’s) or 899 (EdD) **(strict 3:45PM deadline)**
   - August 26, 2020
   - December 31, 2020

Master's Plan B

Comprehensive exam results filed with Graduate Affairs | August 7, 2020 | December 10, 2020 |

***Graduation date***

Updated official SDSU transcripts showing that the degree was awarded can take up to 6 weeks after the diploma date. Diplomas are mailed out 8-10 weeks after the diploma date. Students should verify that their WebPortal “mailing” address for the diploma is correct.

Applying for graduation

You must apply for graduation through your WebPortal account ($100 graduation application fee), even if you will not attend the commencement ceremony. If you do not graduate, your application will automatically re-evaluated each following semester. If you have missed the graduation application deadline please contact Graduate Affairs at gra@sdsu.edu or 619-594-5213.

Thesis/Dissertation review and publication fees (Master's Plan A and doctoral degrees)

Submit a signed thesis/dissertation signature page, electronic copy of the appropriately formatted thesis, and the $50 thesis review fee to Montezuma Publishing (ED 107). Additional fees are required if 3 or more reviews are needed by Montezuma Publishing.

Deadlines definitions

1. Thesis/EdD dissertation submission deadline: Students who submit their thesis/dissertation by this day, before 3:45PM, are likely to meet their publication requirements for the current semester if formatting guidelines were followed closely. This is a strict deadline. If you elect to hire a freelance formatter or Montezuma Publishing to format your thesis, then the unformatted thesis must be submitted even earlier. Contact Montezuma Publishing for information about their formatting services.

2. Strict publication deadline: Theses/dissertations must be approved and the $45 processing fee must be paid before 3:45 PM on this day or the degree cannot be issued until the following semester. This is a strict deadline. The processing fee covers ProQuest submission, electronic files, and SDSU Library abstract.

3. Avoid reenrollment in 799B (or 899) deadline: Theses/dissertations submitted by this day before the time specified above will not require 799B (Master’s) or 899 (EdD) registration in the following semester, even if the degree cannot be issued until the following semester. This is a strict deadline.