

MSE Deadline 2026–2027

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Table 1: Deadlines for Both Thesis and Non-Thesis Students

Fall 2026	Spring 2027	Summer 2027	For both non-thesis-option and thesis-option master students
6/1/2026	11/1/2026	2/1/2027	Apply for graduation. See the PFW Registrar graduation page: https://www.pfw.edu/registrar/graduation .
8/23/2026	1/10/2027	5/16/2027	Electronic Plan of Study (initiated by student, due 11:59pm Sunday). Important: Only one faculty advisor is required to serve on the Advisory Committee for students in the non-thesis option. For those in the thesis option, the Advisory Committee must include at least three members. The plan of study must be submitted by the student, signed by all Advisory Committee members and appropriate departmental staff, and pending only Graduate School processing by 11:59p.m. on the deadline date.

Table 2: Deadlines for Thesis-Option Students Only

Fall 2026	Spring 2027	Summer 2027	Milestone
Three weeks prior to the proposed defense			Form 8 - Request for Appointment of Examining Committee initiated by the student
Two weeks prior to the proposed defense			Final version of thesis to Examining Committee
11/6/2026	3/26/2027	6/28/2027	Thesis Format Review, email thesishelp@purdue.edu and schedule a format review.
12/2/2026	4/21/2027	7/21/2027	Thesis defense and Form 7 - Report of Master's Examining Committee (generated automatically after Form 8 is approved, approval initiated by committee chair, due 5:00pm, Wednesday) IMPORTANT: If the examining committee approves of the student passing the final examination, the report form reflecting satisfactory results must be signed by all examining committee members and department representatives by 5:00pm.
12/9/2026	4/28/2027	7/28/2027	Form 9 – Electronic Thesis Acceptance Form and thesis deposit (under Purdue Graduate School Database, initiated by student, due 5:00pm, Wednesday) Thesis Deposit Fee, \$90.00 (pay to PFW's Bursar's Office) IMPORTANT: As part of the deposit process, students are required to submit and obtain full approval on Form 9, and complete the Exit Questionnaire. A finalized version of the thesis must be submitted at least 24 hours before the Deposit Deadline to Hammer Research Repository (HammerRR) to allow thesis office staff adequate time to review the submission. Thesis-option master's students who miss the defend and/or deposit deadlines but still wish to graduate must submit a Form 14 to request a 2-week extension. If approved, the thesis deposit will then be due to noon on the day before the extended deadline and the student should expect to pay a Late Graduation Deadline Fee of \$200.

Important Notes and Resources for Thesis

- On the thesis cover page, put “Dr. Chao Chen” as the Thesis Form Head Name after “Approved by” on the second page of the thesis.
- Vita is optional.
- Visit Purdue Records, Thesis and Dissertation Office (<https://www.purdue.edu/academics/ogsps/thesis>) for thesis requirements, template and resources, and deadline information.