Please remember this is a “last day to…” schedule. Be sure to allow yourself plenty of time to make corrections after your first departmental thesis check.

*You need to have your thesis format approved, by your Thesis Format Advisor, and schedule your defense with the Main Office at least 15 business days prior to your defense.

Sunday, August 23

Last day for a plan of study to be received by the Graduate School to graduate in December.

For Ph.D. students: If you have already submitted your plan, you may wish to check to make sure everything is correct. You Do Not need to add your 4th committee member to the plan

Friday, September 18

Exam Only – Last day for department thesis format approval

Wednesday, September 23

Last day to declare candidacy for degree for December graduation.

Friday, October 16

Last day for students who register for “exam only” to submit a positive Report of the Final Examination and a Thesis Receipt (deposit your thesis), or registration will be revised to research registration. (Does not apply to nonthesis master’s students.)

Last day to make an appointment for department thesis format approval.

(First formatting appointment can be no later than Friday, Oct. 23rd for corrections to be made and final format check by the Nov. 11th deadline.)

*Wednesday, Nov. 11

Last day for department thesis format approval.

November 26-27

Thanksgiving - University Holiday

Friday, December 4

Last day for students to pass the final examination. (by 12:00 pm)

Final examination reports must be received for all graduating students by the Graduate School, Room B-80, YONG. Students for whom a final report is not received will not be able to graduate in December. (Final examination reports are not required for nonthesis master’s students in graduate departments with approved alternative graduation criteria.)

Friday, December 11

Ph.D. candidates and Masters candidates must submit their theses/dissertation via Electronic Thesis Deposit (ETD), as well as turn in all required forms at their mandatory, scheduled, final deposit appointment in the Thesis/Dissertation Office, Room B-80, Young Hall (YONG)

Master’s and Ph.D. candidates with "Confidential” theses/dissertations must also submit their departmental copies to the Graduate School.

Exit Questionnaires (Master’s and Doctoral) and Survey of Earned Doctorates (Doctoral only) must be completed before your thesis final deposit appointment. A copy of completion certificate needs to be brought with you to your deposit appointment.

Deposit appointments can be made by going to the following web site:

https://www.purdue.edu/gradschool/thesisTemplate/AppointmentForms/CalV3/