

Ph.D. Degree Completion Timeline – Spring 2026	
Due Dates	Graduate School Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduate School Forms (page contains all forms referenced below) • Academic Calendar (contains all deadlines)
02/02/2026	Important!! February 2nd, 2026 DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR GRADUATION (DEGREE CONFERRAL) How Do I Apply For Graduation? Graduation Instructions
03/06/2026	Outline/Proposal for Dissertation * form
03/16/2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Announcement of Public Defense of Dissertation *form • <i>Due to all committee signoffs at least <u>two weeks prior to defense date</u>. Initiate this form well in advance of the two-week deadline.</i>
03/30/2026	Dissertation Defense Deadline
04/27/2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dissertation submission through ProQuest with Graduate School approval • Dissertation Approval Form *form • Publishing Through e-Publications@Marquette *form • Survey of Earned Doctorates *via link on forms page • <i>This is the deadline for which all submission items must be received by the Graduate School. Students are strongly encouraged to start the submission process at least a <u>week prior to the deadline</u>.</i>
Graduation Date:	2026 Commencement is scheduled for Saturday, May 9 or Sunday, May 10, 2026. The full schedule will be released in early-2026.
06/05/2026	Degree Conferral Date
Please see Academic Calendar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transcripts available with degree information. • Students are encouraged to monitor their @marquette.edu email address for notification of degree postings.
	Digital diploma email notification released to a graduate's @marquette.edu email account one week after final grades are posted. Paper diplomas will be shipped directly to a graduate's diploma mailing address 30 days after final grades are posted.