

Final Oral Examination Dates - impact on Grad Term, Registration, employment eligibility

This example is based on Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 graduation dates. You can replace Semester 1 and 2 with any two adjacent semesters.

International students should consult with ISSO to ensure you are following all regulations. Please review the Graduate College's Graduation Deadlines for the current and future semester deadlines. Contact your graduate program staff for questions related to the graduation deadlines or assistantship guidelines. Contact ISSO for questions related to your international on-campus employment eligibility.

Key points:

- Graduate College Graduation Deadlines
 - The semester in which the final oral exam is completed does not always correlate with the semester of graduation.
 - Registration of at least one credit is required during the semester of the final oral examination, not graduation.
 - Exams that fall between the deadline for final oral exam (Semester 1) and the end of Semester 1 must be registered during Semester 1.
 - Exams that are in the “interim”, after the last day of classes for the previous semester and through the first day of classes (Semester 2), can meet their registration requirement by registering for either Semester 1 or 2.
- Graduate College Assistantships
 - Assistantships must be minimum 3 months during fall or spring to get the Asst Rate Tuition and Fees charged and eligible for Tuition Scholarship Award. Summer term is minimum 4 weeks.
- International Students and Scholars
 - I-20s that are tied to a student’s program of study will end the semester in which they complete their final oral examination
 - May be different than graduation term

If your final oral exam is ...

... between Day 2 of Semester 1 (Fall 2020) and the deadline for final oral exam of Semester 1

(ex: August 18 - November 25)

- Application for Graduation – Semester 1
- Graduate College Registration Requirement - Semester 1
 - (Graduate College requires minimum 1 credit and program may require more)
- Graduate College Graduation Requirements – Semester 1
- International Work Authorization – I-20 will end no later than the last day of Semester 1. All on-campus employment must end on or before I-20 end date.

... after the deadline for final oral exam of Semester 1 (Fall 2020) and the day before the start-of Semester 2 (Spring 2021)

(ex: November 26-January 24)

- Application for Graduation – Semester 2
- Graduate College Registration Requirement - Semester 1 or Semester 2
 - (Graduate College requires minimum 1 credit and program may require more)
- Graduate College Graduation Requirements – Semester 2
- International Work Authorization – *I-20 will end no later than the last day of Semester 1. All on-campus employment must end on or before I-20 end date.*

... on the first day of Semester 2 (Spring 2021)

(ex: January 25)

- Application for Graduation – Semester 2
- Graduate College Registration Requirement – Semester 1 or Semester 2
 - (Graduate College requires minimum 1 credit and program may require more)
- *International students will need to register for Semester 2 to be in compliance with immigration status*
- Graduate College Graduation Requirements – Semester 2
- International Work Authorization –
 - If registered for Semester 2, I-20 will end no later than the last day of Semester 2.
 - If not registered for Semester 2, I-20 will end no later than the last day of Semester 1. *All on-campus employment must end on or before I-20 end date.*

... between Day 2 of Semester 2 (Spring 2021) and deadline for final exam of Semester 2 (same as first option above, but new semester)

(ex: January 26-April 16)

- Application for Graduation – Semester 2
- Graduate College Registration Requirement - Semester 2
 - (Graduate College requires minimum 1 credit and program may require more)
- Graduate College Graduation Requirements – Semester 2
- International Work Authorization – *I-20 will end no later than the last day of Semester 2. All on-campus employment must end on or before I-20 end date.*

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