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**COLLEGE OF GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES (CGPS)  
CRITICAL DATES FOR GRADUATION, THESES & DISSERTATIONS**

	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Summer</b>
Application for Graduation	10/1 or 1 <sup>st</sup> business day thereafter	3/1	6/1
Application for Certificate Completion	10/1	2/1	4/1
Ordering Academic Regalia	ONE MONTH PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT		
Student's thesis/dissertation chair forwards notice of thesis/dissertation defense to CGPS Graduation Coordinator by email	7 DAYS PRIOR TO PUBLIC DEFENSE		
Public Oral Defense	4 <sup>th</sup> Friday in Oct.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday in Mar.	4 <sup>th</sup> Friday in June
Format Review (Initial Electronic Copy)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday in Nov.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday in Apr.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday in July
Final Copies (approved in Proquest/UMI )	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday in Dec.	4 <sup>th</sup> Monday in Apr.	Final Monday in July

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