

2020-21 Chapman University Graduate Degree Conferral Deadlines

| | Fall 2020* | Spring 2021 | Summer 2021 |
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| Preferred deadline for degree conferral (apply online at chapman.edu) | 8/15/2020 | 1/15/2021 | 1/15/2021 |
| Last day to schedule an oral thesis/dissertation defense | 12/11/2020 | 4/16/2021 | 7/16/2021 |
| Last day to submit RSVP for May 2021 Commencement Ceremony (online at chapman.edu) | 4/16/2021 | 4/16/2021 | Not eligible |
| Last day to hold an oral defense of a thesis/dissertation | 1/8/2021 | 4/30/2021 | 7/30/2021 |
| Last day to submit thesis/dissertation to Leatherby Libraries, UMI ProQuest and Digital Commons by 5 p.m. (consult Library website for guidance) | 1/22/2021 | 5/14/2021 | 8/13/2021 |
| PhD only: After library submission is complete, submit Survey of Earned Doctorates . Must forward email confirmation received with your name and ID # to conferral@chapman.edu for diploma release. | 1/23/2021 | 5/15/2021 | 8/14/2021 |
| Last day for graduate program to enter all program evaluation actions for degree conferral | 1/31/2021 | 5/31/2021 | 8/31/2021 |
| Commencement Ceremony participation – May 21-23, 2021 | Eligible | Eligible | Not eligible |

* Fall degrees are conferred in January, not December, for both Rinker and Orange campus non-Law programs. Students in the Fowler School of Law should consult their Registrar for deadlines.

Late Thesis/Dissertation Defenses and Library Submissions

Students who miss the above stated deadlines for defense/library submission in a given term may have their degrees conferred in the immediate following semester without continuous enrollment in the final term provided:

- They were enrolled as required by the University in the preceding term; and
- Their successful defense is held by the last day of the 2nd week of following fall/spring/summer semester; and/or,
- Their library submission is complete by the last day of the 5th week of the following fall/spring summer semester.

If the library submission is not complete by end of the 5th week of the term, which is the last day to add a Continuous Enrollment course, the student must immediately enroll in the required one credit of continuous enrollment (698A/B or 798A/B) in order to be eligible to continue working toward their degree.