

2025-26 Chapman University Graduate Education Graduate Degree Conferral Deadlines*

	Fall 2025	Interterm 2026	Spring 2026	Summer 2026
Preferred deadline to apply for degree conferral (online at chapman.edu)	8/15/25	8/15/25	1/16/26	5/16/26
Last day to submit RSVP for May 2026 Commencement Ceremony (online at chapman.edu)	4/10/26	4/10/26	4/10/26	4/10/26**
Last day to complete approved submission of thesis/dissertation to Leatherby Libraries, UMI ProQuest and Digital Commons by 5 p.m. * ³	12/12/25	1/23/26	5/22/26	8/21/26
PhD only: After library submission is complete, submit Survey of Earned Doctorates . * ⁴	12/13/25	1/24/26	5/23/26	8/22/26
Last day for graduate programs to enter all program evaluation actions for degree conferral. * ⁵	12/31/25	1/31/26	5/31/26	8/31/26
Commencement Ceremony participation – May 23-25, 2026	Eligible	Eligible	Eligible	Defined by program**

Late Thesis/Dissertation Defense and Library Submission Deadlines without Continuous Enrollment

Students who miss the standard 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 was held by the deadline specified below; and
- Their library submission is complete by the deadline specified below.

Last day to hold an oral defense <u>without</u> continuous enrollment	9/5/25	N/A ^{6*}	2/13/26	6/12/26
Last day to complete submission of thesis/dissertation to Leatherby Libraries, UMI ProQuest and Digital Commons by 2 p.m. <u>without</u> continuous enrollment	9/26/25	N/A ^{6*}	3/6/26	7/2/26

Continuous Enrollment Requirement

If the defense is not held or the library submission is not complete by the deadlines above, the student must be immediately registered for the appropriate continuous enrollment course pertinent to their program.

The date in the row above is the deadline, at 2 p.m., for enrollment in such courses, which usually requires action by the Program and Registrar – it cannot normally be achieved in the Self-Service portal.

Students and Programs must plan accordingly to avoid filing petitions for late enrollment.

PhD only: After library submission is complete, submit Survey of Earned Doctorates . * ⁴	9/26/25	N/A ^{6*}	3/7/26	7/3/26
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* Students in the Fowler School of Law should consult their Registrar for deadlines.

** If allowed by the program, see the program Handbook.

3* Submission must be approved by the Library, consult Library website for guidance.

4* Must forward email confirmation with your name and ID # to aps@chapman.edu for diploma release.

5* All required information in the Milestones module must be reported when the milestone is completed.

6* A regular interterm deadline schedule applies, for the defense, students must register in the interterm continuous enrollment course (698I/798I).