

# Update for students completing in the Summer 2021 term

## **Timeline for August Completers in the Master of Arts, Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy (Arts & Science and Health Sciences majors) programs**

### **Completing your degree in the Summer 2021 term:**

In the event you are hoping to complete your graduate program by the end of the Summer 2021, the following information will help you prepare for the months ahead. Students completing in August can confer their degree in October 2021 or later.

Depending on which conferral date you want to qualify for, consider the following two timelines.

### **Scenario 1: If you plan to confer your degree in October 2021, plan ahead and work backwards:**

- The final date for Decanal Approval of your thesis in the online repository is August 31, 2021.
- This means that the final date by which we can receive the [Recommendation of the Award of the Degree](#) (RAD) form is August 24, 2021. *The RAD form is the one signed and submitted to SGS once your supervisor has approved any revisions to your thesis made after your defence.*
- For August completers we do recommend completing the oral defence by July 26<sup>th</sup> for master's programs and July 19<sup>th</sup> for PhD programs. Most students need at least a couple of weeks to complete revisions after their defence. Please discuss this timeline with your supervisor to ensure there is sufficient time for completing revisions. If you decide to have two weeks for completing revisions, that would make August 10, 2021 the latest potential date for your thesis defence,
- To have your defence date approved, you will need to submit the [Request for Final Thesis Examination](#) form to [sgs@uleth.ca](mailto:sgs@uleth.ca) at least 5 weeks ahead of the date of your defence for master's programs and 6 weeks for PhD programs. Prior to submitting the request form, you must ensure all the required signatures are present, including your Supervisory Committee and your Defence Chair.

- By the same 5/6 week deadline (depending on your program), you must also submit your final copy of your thesis to SGS via email ([sgs@uleth.ca](mailto:sgs@uleth.ca)). This is the version of your thesis sent out to your Thesis Examination Committee and used at your thesis oral defence.

**\*You must apply to graduate. Applications for Fall Convocation are accepted **only** from March 2 to August 1. For instructions on how to apply, please see the [Convocation webpage](#).**

*Please note: All Final Thesis Examinations will continue to take place virtually.*

**Scenario 2: If you do not plan to confer your degree in October, but still want to complete in the Summer 2021 term and avoid registering for Fall 2021:**

- The final date for Decanal Approval of your thesis in the online repository is September 14, 2021 (the Add/Drop deadline for the Fall term)
- This means that the final date by which we can receive the RAD form is September 7, 2021
- If you decide to have 2 weeks for completing your revisions, that will make the latest potential date for your thesis defence, August 24, 2021
- You will need to submit the request form at least 5 weeks (for master's programs) and 6 weeks (for PhD programs) ahead of this date.

Please note that the deadlines mentioned above are final. We do encourage you to follow the recommended completion dates for your program that can be found in the [SGS Policies and Procedures document](#), p. 36.

**\*You must apply to graduate. Applications for February Convocation are accepted only from August 2 November 1. For instructions on how to apply, please see the [Convocation webpage](#).**