

2023-2024 Defense Dates & Deadlines Timeline

** Please note [Rackham Deadlines](#) are firm.

Defense Term Conferral Date Rkham Hooding Commencement	Selection of Committee Members: (4-6 months before Defense) <i>Latest Date:</i>	Schedule Defense Date: (10 weeks before Defense)	Copies of Thesis to Committee Members: (Recommended 9 weeks before Defense)	Rackham Pre-Defense: (3 weeks before Defense)	Doctoral Committee Approval & Reader Reports Due: (2 weeks before Defense)	Rackham Thesis Committee Member Forms Deadline: (3 days before Defense)	Recommended Defense Date (2 weeks before Rackham deadline) <i>Latest Date:</i>	Rackham Post-Defense Deadline:
Fall 2023 12/17/2023 5/3/2024 12/17/2023 or 5/4/2024	7/14/2023	8/25/2023	9/1/2023	10/13/2023	10/20/2023	10/30/2023	11/3/2023	11/17/2023
Fall 2023 Grace 5/3/2024 5/3/2024 5/4/2024	9/19/2023	10/31/2023	11/7/2023	12/19/2023	12/26/2023	1/5/2024	1/9/2024	1/23/2024
Winter 2024 5/3/2024 5/3/2024 5/4/2024	11/24/2023	1/5/2024	1/12/2024	2/23/2024	3/1/2024	3/11/2024	3/15/2024	3/29/2024
WN 2024 Grace 8/16/2024 5/2/2025 12/22/2024 or 5/3/2025	2/12/2024	3/25/2024	4/1/2024	5/13/2024	5/20/2024	5/30/2024	6/3/2024	6/17/2024
Sp/Su 2024 8/16/2024 5/2/2025 12/22/2024 or 5/3/2025 Must pay Sp/Su tuition	3/29/2024	5/10/2024	5/17/2024	6/28/2024	7/5/2024	7/15/2024	7/19/2024	8/2/2024
Sp/Su 2023 Grace TBD 5/2/2025 12/22/2024 or 5/3/2025 Must pay Sp/Su tuition								_____

