

ECE Fall 2025 Graduation Deadlines Checklist

This is a list of ECE deadlines for graduation. The [Graduate School deadlines](#) may be later, but in order to process the paperwork, we require submission by the dates below.

Forms are located outside the Graduate Studies Office (2434 A.V. Williams) or on the Graduate Studies website: <https://ece.umd.edu/graduate/current-students/advising-support/forms/graduation>. Please **submit all forms** to ecegradstudies@umd.edu unless otherwise noted.

****Students must be registered during the term in which they plan to graduate.**

M.S. Non-thesis

September 15, 2025	Apply for graduation on Testudo
September 24, 2025	Submit together to ecegradstudies@umd.edu 1) Approved Program Completion Form 2) Advisor-approved MS Plan of Study 3) M.S. Scholarly Paper Reader Selection Form
December 3, 2025	Submit the Approval of M.S. Scholarly Paper Form and a copy of your final scholarly paper to ecegradstudies@umd.edu .

M.S. Thesis

September 15, 2025	Apply for graduation on Testudo
September 24, 2025	Submit together to ecegradstudies@umd.edu 1) Approved Program Completion Form 2) Advisor-approved MS Plan of Study
No later than September 24, 2025	Submit the Nomination of Thesis Committee Form . (Committee Form must be submitted at least six weeks before scheduled defense).
No later than September 24, 2025	Special member nominations must be submitted no later than when you submit the Nomination of Thesis Committee form (above). Consult with the GSO <i>in advance</i> for nomination instructions.
2 Weeks Prior to Defense	Email the date, time, and location of the defense as well as the thesis abstract for posting to ecegradstudies@umd.edu . Read about the process for remote defenses , if requesting.
December 3, 2025	Electronically submit thesis . Final date for thesis committees to sign the Electronic Report of Examining Committee Form.

Doctoral Students

September 15, 2025	Apply for graduation on Testudo
No later than September 22, 2025	Submit the Nomination of Dissertation Committee Form . (Committee Form must be submitted at least six weeks before scheduled defense).
No later than September 22, 2025	Special member nominations must be submitted no later than when you submit the Nomination of Dissertation Committee form (above). Consult with the GSO <i>in advance</i> for nomination instructions.
2 Weeks Prior to Defense	Email the date, time, and location of the defense as well as the dissertation abstract for posting to ecegradstudies@umd.edu . Read about the process for remote defenses , if requesting.
November 14, 2025	Electronically submit dissertation . Final date for dissertation committees to sign the Electronic Report of Examining Committee Form.

All Students - Department Requirements

Prior to graduation	Submit an up-to-date CV or resume to ecegradstudies@umd.edu
Prior to graduation	Complete the online exit survey .