

## ECE Fall 2026 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](mailto:ecegradstudies@umd.edu) unless otherwise noted.

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

### M.S. Non-thesis

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| September 14, 2026 | Apply for graduation on <a href="#">Testudo</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| September 24, 2026 | Submit together to <a href="mailto:ecegradstudies@umd.edu">ecegradstudies@umd.edu</a><br>1) <a href="#">Approved Program Completion Form</a><br>2) Advisor-approved <a href="#">MS Plan of Study</a><br>3) <a href="#">M.S. Scholarly Paper Reader Selection Form</a> |
| December 2, 2026   | Submit the <a href="#">Approval of M.S. Scholarly Paper Form</a> and a copy of your <b>final scholarly paper</b> to <a href="mailto:ecegradstudies@umd.edu">ecegradstudies@umd.edu</a> .                                                                              |

### M.S. Thesis

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| September 14, 2026               | Apply for graduation on <a href="#">Testudo</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| September 24, 2026               | Submit together to <a href="mailto:ecegradstudies@umd.edu">ecegradstudies@umd.edu</a><br>1) <a href="#">Approved Program Completion Form</a><br>2) Advisor-approved <a href="#">MS Plan of Study</a>                                                    |
| No later than September 24, 2026 | Submit the <a href="#">Nomination of Thesis Committee Form</a> . Committee Form must be submitted <b>at least six weeks</b> before scheduled defense.                                                                                                   |
| <b>Before September 24, 2026</b> | <b>Special member nominations</b> must be sent <b>before</b> submitting the Nomination of Thesis Committee form (above). <i>Consult with GSO in advance for nomination instructions.</i>                                                                |
| 2 Weeks Prior to Defense         | Email the date, time, and location of the defense as well as the <b>thesis abstract</b> for posting to <a href="mailto:ecegradstudies@umd.edu">ecegradstudies@umd.edu</a> . Read about the process for <a href="#">remote defenses</a> , if requesting. |
| December 2, 2026                 | Electronically submit <a href="#">thesis</a> . Final date for thesis committees to sign the Electronic Report of Examining Committee Form (REC).                                                                                                        |

### Doctoral Students

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| September 14, 2026               | Apply for graduation on <a href="#">Testudo</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| No later than September 21, 2026 | Submit the <a href="#">Nomination of Dissertation Committee Form</a> . Committee Form must be submitted <b>at least six weeks</b> before scheduled defense.                                                                                                   |
| <b>Before September 21, 2026</b> | <b>Special member nominations</b> must be sent <b>before</b> submitting the Nomination of Dissertation Committee form (above). <i>Consult with GSO in advance for nomination instructions.</i>                                                                |
| 2 Weeks Prior to Defense         | Email the date, time, and location of the defense as well as the <b>dissertation abstract</b> for posting to <a href="mailto:ecegradstudies@umd.edu">ecegradstudies@umd.edu</a> . Read about the process for <a href="#">remote defenses</a> , if requesting. |
| November 13, 2026                | Electronically submit <a href="#">dissertation</a> . Final date for dissertation committees to sign the Electronic Report of Examining Committee Form (REC).                                                                                                  |

### All Students - Department Requirements

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| Prior to graduation | Submit an up-to-date CV or resume to <a href="mailto:ecegradstudies@umd.edu">ecegradstudies@umd.edu</a> |
| Prior to graduation | Complete the <a href="#">online exit survey</a> .                                                       |