

# ECE Spring 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

February 6, 2026	<b>Apply for graduation on <a href="#">Testudo</a></b>
February 23, 2026	<b>Submit together to <a href="mailto:ecegradstudies@umd.edu">ecegradstudies@umd.edu</a></b> 1) <a href="#">Approved Program Completion Form</a> 2) Advisor-approved <a href="#">MS Plan of Study</a> 3) <a href="#">M.S. Scholarly Paper Reader Selection Form</a>
April 28, 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

February 6, 2026	<b>Apply for graduation on <a href="#">Testudo</a></b>
February 23, 2026	<b>Submit together to <a href="mailto:ecegradstudies@umd.edu">ecegradstudies@umd.edu</a></b> 1) <a href="#">Approved Program Completion Form</a> 2) Advisor-approved <a href="#">MS Plan of Study</a>
No later than February 23, 2026	Submit the <a href="#">Nomination of Thesis Committee Form</a> to <a href="mailto:ecegradstudies@umd.edu">ecegradstudies@umd.edu</a> . Committee Form must be submitted <b>at least six weeks before scheduled defense</b> .
No later than February 23, 2026	Special member nominations must be submitted <b>no later</b> than when you submit the Nomination of Thesis Committee form (above). <i>Consult with the 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.
April 28, 2026	Electronically submit <a href="#">thesis</a> . Final date for thesis committees to sign the <b>Electronic Report of Examining Committee Form</b> .

## Doctoral Students

February 6, 2026	<b>Apply for graduation on <a href="#">Testudo</a></b>
No later than February 13, 2026	Submit the <a href="#">Nomination of Dissertation Committee Form</a> to <a href="mailto:ecegradstudies@umd.edu">ecegradstudies@umd.edu</a> . Committee Form must be submitted <b>at least six weeks before scheduled defense</b> .
No later than February 13, 2026	Special member nominations must be submitted <b>no later</b> than when you submit the Nomination of Dissertation Committee form (above). <i>Consult with the 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.
April 21, 2026	Electronically submit <a href="#">dissertation</a> . Final date for dissertation committees to sign the <b>Electronic Report of Examining Committee Form</b> .

## All Students - Department Requirements

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> .