

Find important deadlines on the [OUHSC Academic Calendar](#)

## Starting the semester

- Enroll for at least 2 hours
- Complete a degree check with the Graduate College if you haven't already
- [Apply for graduation](#) through Admissions and Records
- Continue writing your dissertation, following the [dissertation guidelines](#)

## Scheduling the defense

- Send your completed dissertation to your mentor, then to your committee. Allow time for a careful review, feedback, and revisions.
- Meet with your committee to discuss revisions and schedule the defense. All research and major revisions must be complete before requesting the defense.

**At least 10 business days before the defense**, submit through [ProQuest](#):

- The [Request for Doctoral Defense](#)
- Abstract and reading copy, as approved by your committee
- Permissions for use of published information, if needed**
- [Defense Announcement](#) and photograph

## The defense

- The Graduate College will e-mail the defense forms to you and your mentor
- Your committee will conduct the defense and sign the authority form with the results. They may recommend revisions to your dissertation
- Your mentor should file the signed authority form and final grade form with the Graduate College within 72 hours after the defense

## Within 60 calendar days after the defense

- Revise your dissertation as recommended. → When your committee approves the final copy, gather their signatures on the signature page
- Submit the final copy of your dissertation through ProQuest. Include the signed signature page in the final PDF
- Complete the Survey of Earned Doctorates, Graduate College Survey, and Alumni Contact form

## Graduation and beyond

- The Registrar will mail your diploma to the address listed in your graduation application
- Keep in touch with the Graduate College!

To graduate this semester, turn in the final copy **before next semester starts**