

FALL 2017 DEFENSE TIMELINE

For more information on Graduate School forms and deadlines, please see your *Dissertation Prospectus Defense Checklist*. These checklists can be found on the graduate program website.

DISSERTATION PROSPECTUS DEFENSE

Tuesday, October 17

Final date to submit a complete draft of your prospectus to your major professor. You and your major professor then have two weeks to make any needed revisions before a final copy is distributed to the committee. We assume that you have been working with your major professor and your committee all along, but by this time you should have put together a complete draft.

Tuesday, October 31

Final date to distribute the final copy of your prospectus to your committee members. Your committee has two weeks to read your prospectus before deciding whether or not you are ready to defend. The committee may also request changes before the defense takes place. Although a defense time and date will be reserved soon after distribution, please be aware that this might be canceled or rescheduled if your committee does not approve your prospectus for a defense.

Tuesday, December 5

Absolute last day the Graduate Advisor will schedule a defense UNLESS you know FOR SURE that all of your committee members will be available for a defense after classes are no longer in session. The committee may request changes before final approval.