

Spring 2017 DEFENSE TIMELINE

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

DISSERTATION PROSPECTUS DEFENSE

Tuesday, March 7

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, March 21

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, April 25

Absolute last day the Graduate Advisor will schedule a defense. The committee may request changes before final approval.