

2020-21 Chapman University Graduate Degree Conferral Deadlines

	Fall 2020*	Spring 2021	Summer 2021
Preferred deadline for degree conferral (apply online at chapman.edu)	8/15/2020	1/15/2021	1/15/2021
Last day to schedule an oral thesis/dissertation defense	12/11/2020	4/16/2021	7/16/2021
Last day to submit RSVP for August 2021 Commencement Ceremony (online at chapman.edu)	4/16/2021	4/16/2021	4/16/2021
Last day to hold an oral defense of a thesis/dissertation <i>If defending between 5/31/21 and 8/29/21, student must also submit "Walk Short" email to GradEd@chapman.edu to be included in Commencement ceremony, printed program, AND all students must apply for degree conferral by 5/31/21. Participation in Commencement does not confirm degree conferral!!</i>	1/8/2021	4/30/2021	By 8/29/2021 Commencement eligible due to COVID exception
Last day to submit thesis/dissertation to Leatherby Libraries, UMI ProQuest and Digital Commons by 5 p.m. (consult Library website for guidance)	1/22/2021	5/14/2021	8/13/2021 for Summer 2021 degree conferral**
PhD only: After library submission is complete, submit Survey of Earned Doctorates . Must forward email confirmation received with your name and ID # to conferral@chapman.edu for diploma release.	1/23/2021	5/15/2021	8/14/2021
Last day for graduate program to enter all program evaluation actions for degree conferral	1/31/2021	5/31/2021	8/31/2021
Commencement Ceremony participation – August 6-8, 2021 ** Student who submit their thesis or dissertation to the library after 8/13/21 are not eligible for Summer 2021 degree conferral but may participate in Commencement. The term in which their degree will be conferred (Fall 2021 or later) will be determined by the 2021/22 calendar deadlines.	Eligible	Eligible	Eligible if successful defense was 8/29/2021 or earlier

* Fall degrees are conferred in January, not December, for both Rinker and Orange campus non-Law programs. Students in the Fowler School of Law should consult their Registrar for deadlines.

Late Thesis/Dissertation Defenses and Library Submissions

Students who miss the above stated deadlines for defense/library submission in a given term may have their degrees conferred in the immediate following semester without continuous enrollment in the final term provided:

- They were enrolled as required by the University in the preceding term; and
- Their successful defense is held by the last day of the 2nd week of following fall/spring/summer semester; and/or,
- Their library submission is complete by the last day of the 5th week of the following fall/spring summer semester.

If the library submission is not complete by end of the 5th week of the term, which is the last day to add a Continuous Enrollment course, the student must immediately enroll in the required one credit of continuous enrollment (698A/B or 798A/B) in order to be eligible to continue working toward their degree.