

# 2019-20 Chapman University Graduate Degree Conferral Deadlines

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	<b>Fall 2019*</b>	<b>Spring 2020</b>	<b>Summer 2020</b>
Preferred deadline for degree conferral (apply online at chapman.edu)	8/15/2019	1/15/2020	1/15/2020
Last day to <b>schedule</b> an oral thesis/dissertation defense	12/13/2019	4/15/2020	7/15/2020
Last day to submit RSVP for May 2020 Commencement Ceremony (online at chapman.edu)	4/15/2020	4/15/2020	Not eligible
Last day to <b>hold</b> an oral defense of a thesis/dissertation	1/10/2020	5/1/2020	8/1/2020
Last day to <b>submit</b> thesis/dissertation to Leatherby Libraries, UMI ProQuest and Digital Commons by 5 p.m. (consult Library website for guidance)	1/24/2020	5/14/2020	8/14/2020
<b>PhD only:</b> After library submission is complete, submit <a href="#">Survey of Earned Doctorates</a> . Must forward email confirmation received with your name and ID # to <a href="mailto:conferral@chapman.edu">conferral@chapman.edu</a> for diploma release.	1/25/2020	5/15/2020	8/15/2020
Last day for graduate program to enter all program evaluation actions for degree conferral	1/31/2020	5/31/2020	8/30/2020
Commencement Ceremony participation – May ceremony postponed due to COVID-19; new date TBD	Eligible	Eligible	Not eligible

\* 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

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> week of following fall/spring/summer semester; and/or,
- Their library submission is complete by the last day of the 5<sup>th</sup> week of the following fall/spring summer semester.

If the library submission is not complete by end of the 5<sup>th</sup> 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.