

**THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY**

Thesis/ Dissertation Deadlines

There has been a tendency for graduate students working on the final stages of theses and dissertations to submit their final (and often not-so-final) drafts to their committees and to the Chair with barely enough time before deadlines for committee and Graduate Office approval. This leaves insufficient time for the student to make revisions if the committee members feel such are warranted, and very little time for the Chair to review several theses and dissertations at once.

It is in the interests of both the student and the department that the process of review and approval of theses and dissertations be more orderly and less frantic. To that end the department has established the following deadlines for submission of the final version of the thesis/dissertation to the committee and the department Chair:

M. A. candidates:	Fall semester graduation:	October 1
	Spring semester graduation:	March 1
	Summer graduation:	May 1

Ph. D. candidates: **Defendable draft to all members of dissertation committee:**

Fall semester graduation:	October 1
Spring semester graduation:	March 1

Final draft to department Chair:

Fall semester graduation:	November 1
Spring semester graduation:	April 1

Summer defense and completion only in extraordinary circumstances.

It should be clearly understood that the Chair is expected to review all dissertations and theses before signing the approval sheets. The Chair's approval represents the department faculty, independent of the student's committee members, who stand in a different relationship with the student other than the department as a whole. Theses /dissertations which are unsatisfactory with regard to grammatical errors and style, or which contain serious flaws, will be returned to the student's major professor for correction of the deficiencies before approval.