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<td><strong>July 1:</strong> Submit Application for Degree. Signed Application and payment receipt to Degree Auditor.</td>
<td><strong>August 12-13:</strong> Graduate Diagnostic Exams, International Bldg, IC 110, 9:00 a.m. – 4:40 p.m.</td>
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<td><strong>August 17:</strong> Full classes begin. Late registration and add/drop begin.</td>
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<td><strong>August 20:</strong> Last day to add/drop w/o grade of W. Last day to drop full term classes and receive 100% tuition credit.</td>
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<td><strong>August 31:</strong> Last day to submit Late Degree Application at the $75 late application fee.</td>
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<td><strong>October 11, 2020:</strong> Submit Application for Degree, Thesis, Dissertation or Doctoral Project Proposal Form. <a href="https://www.usm.edu/graduate-school/internalportal/advisordepartment-completion-forms.php">https://www.usm.edu/graduate-school/internalportal/advisordepartment-completion-forms.php</a></td>
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<td><strong>November 21, 2019:</strong> Final (revised) Approved Thesis, Dissertation or Doctoral Project &amp; Completion of Checklist Items.</td>
<td><strong>November 30:</strong> Last Day for Exam Results submitted to Coordinator from faculty.</td>
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<td><strong>November 23:</strong> Last day full-term classes.</td>
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<td><strong>December 3:</strong> Graduate School Commencement. 6 p.m.</td>
<td><strong>January 15:</strong> Graduate Diagnostic Exams, Int’l Bldg. 9:10 am.</td>
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**Notes:**
- Graduation deadlines are subject to change and should be confirmed with the Graduate Program Coordinator.
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- Please consult the USM Graduate School website for the most up-to-date information.
March 20: Submit Results of Oral Defense of Thesis or Dissertation Form. [Approval of a Thesis, Dissertation, or Doctoral Project (PDF)]

March 27: Exam reservation form due.

March 27: Submit Thesis or Dissertation via Aquila also Turnitin Originality Report. Submit your final, COMMITTEE approved thesis, dissertation, or doctoral project via Aquila. All committee revisions should be complete. Any changes made after this date will only be at the direction of the Graduate School.

Aquila Submission

April 1: Submit Application for Degree (Aug. 2020 graduation)


April 1: Doctoral Exam - Location TBA, 9am-1pm (Theory)

April 4: Doctoral Exam - Location: TBA - 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. (History)

April 17: Master's and Doctoral Area Exam Location - TBA - 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

April 29: Final Aquila Submission

Submit your final, GRADUATE SCHOOL approved thesis, dissertation, or doctoral project via Aquila. All committee revisions should be complete. No changes may be made after this date. Unapproved changes will result in withdrawal of document and deferral of graduation.

Submit - Survey of Earned Doctorates

Doctoral candidates only. A national census of all individuals earning a research doctorate from accredited US institutions. Students earning their doctorate should complete this survey.

April 9: Exam Questions due from faculty.

April 1: Submit Application for Degree. Submit Thesis, Dissertation or Doctoral Project Proposal Form.

April 15: Doctoral Exam - Location TBA, 9am-1pm.

April 16: Doctoral Area Exams - Location TBA - 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. (History)

April 17: Master's and Doctoral Area Exam Location - TBA - 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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Graduating

August 2021

Graduate School Commencement

Thursday, May 14, 2020 - 6:00 PM

May 10: Examination Grade Results Submitted to Coordinator from Faculty.

May 14: Last day to submit graduate exam results for spring term.

May 21: Notification of Comprehensive & Qualifying Exam for Summer sent.

June 21: Aquila Submission

Submit your final, GRADUATE SCHOOL approved thesis, dissertation, or doctoral project via Aquila. All committee revisions should be complete. Any changes made after this date will only be at the direction of the Graduate School.

Aquila Submission

July 2: Exam questions are due (from faculty)

For Summer 2021

June 14: Submit Results of Oral Defense of Thesis or Dissertation Form. Submit Graduation Deferment Form. Submit Signed Title Pages on 100% Cotton Pages.

June 1: Application for Degree

July 1: Application for Degree

July 8: Doctoral Exam 9am-1pm FAB 214

July 9: Doctoral Exam 9am-1pm FAB 214

July 10: Master's and Doctoral Exams 9am-1pm FAB 214

July 30: last day to submit graduate exam results for summer term.

June as needed: Forms Due - "Change of Status," "Course Substitution," "Transfer Credit Approval."

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June 21: Thesis/Dissertation/Project Approval Form

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June 21: Aquila Submission

July 24: Final Aquila Submission

July 1: Application for Degree

July 10: Master's and Doctoral Exam 9am-1pm FAB 214

July 30: last day to submit graduate exam results for summer term.

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July 9: Doctoral Exam 9am-1pm FAB 214

July 10: Master's and Doctoral Exams 9am-1pm FAB 214

July 30: last day to submit graduate exam results for summer term.