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DEPARTMENT OF HEARING AND SPEECH SCIENCES

DEADLINE DATES FOR FINAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS MA SLP

This document has both departmental and Graduate School deadlines.

- Graduate school deadlines sometimes change, so please see https://gradschool.umd.edu/calendar/deadlines/academic-deadlines for clarification about Graduate School deadlines
- **You should enter these important deadlines into your personal calendar right away**

FALL 2021 DEADLINES FOR THOSE PLANNING TO GRADUATE IN SPRING 2022

Date	What is due?
Sep. 4 (Fri)	Approval of candidacy paper topic from first reader (Dept. requirement)
Sept. 18 (Fri)	Approval of candidacy paper topic from second reader (Dept. requirement) Fill out Capstone Information Form (Dept. requirement) https://go.umd.edu/SLP-Capstone-Plans
Oct. 30 (Fri)	Candidacy paper proposal due to both readers (Dept. requirement)

DEADLINES DURING SPRING 2022 (SEMESTER OF GRADUATION)

DATE	What is due?
Jan. 29 (Fri)	Candidacy paper due to both readers (Dept. requirement)
Feb. 4 (Fri)	Last day to submit APPLICATION FOR GRADUATION (University requirement). This may be done on the web via Testudo at www.testudo.umd.edu

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DATE	What is due?
Mar 1 (Tues)	*Master's Thesis Students:* Last day to submit Master's Thesis Examining Committee Nomination Form
Mar. 4 (Fri)	Deadline for re-submission for failed Candidacy Papers (Dept. requirement)
Mar 18 (Fri)	- Deadline for approval of re-submitted Candidacy Papers by first and second readers (Dept. requirement). - The student is not eligible to graduate in this semester if the Candidacy Paper is not approved by this date.
Apr 1 (Fri)	Comprehensive examinations *All prior incomplete grades (with the exception of candidacy) MUST be completed before you can take comps*
Apr. 22 (Fri)	Re-take of Comprehensive examination for failed questions (Note: Students with more than one failed question will need to re-take the entire Comprehensive examination during exam week. They will not be able to graduate in the current semester)
Apr. 26 (Tues)	*Master's Thesis Students:* - Final date for Thesis advisors to submit Report of Examining Committee - Final date to electronically submit Thesis; Electronic Thesis and Dissertation Publication Form to the Registrar
May 13 (Fri)	Comprehensive Examination – Full re-exam for those who failed the entire exam – Note that students taking an exam on this date will graduate in the

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	following semester (Winter or Summer) although they can participate in commencement ceremonies (Dept. requirement)
May 10 (Tue)	Non-thesis students- Final date to compete all requirements for the program
May 19-21	Commencement ceremonies

SUMMER DEADLINES

In unusual circumstances, students may not complete one or more requirements to graduate in Spring semester and may have to move their graduation to Summer. Please note the following about summer graduation:

Registration requirement: Students need to be registered for at least one credit during the semester of graduation even if they have met all their credit requirements, unless they complete all requirements before the first day of summer session 1.

Faculty availability Several faculty members have 9.5 appointments and thus may not be available to review student work beyond May 31. Students are responsible for consulting with faculty regarding their availability, and it is recommended that they do so early enough so that they can make alternate plans (e.g., change candidacy paper readers) if faculty are not available.

Beginning your clinical fellowship: ASHA does not require the MA degree to be awarded in order to start a Clinical Fellowship Year (CFY), only completion of ASHA course work and clock hour requirements. However, various jurisdictions, including DC, Maryland and Virginia DO require CFY candidates to present evidence of an awarded degree before authorizing a temporary license. If graduates will work in other states, they should check local requirements. However, students should be aware that eligibility to begin a CFY does NOT require the MA degree. At the end of three years, both thesis and candidacy paper students are at the same point in terms of earning potential and ASHA certification eligibility.

The deadlines below are advisory only, please check with your academic advisor for specifics.

May 13	Re-exam of comprehensive exams for those who failed the entire exam
May 31	All requirements (e.g., candidacy paper, thesis, incomplete grades, etc) need to be completed to avoid enrolling in 1 credit for summer graduation. Note that in order to complete your requirements by this date, you will need to submit your work at least two weeks in advance (consult with the respective faculty).

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July 8	Master's Thesis Students: Last day to submit Committee Nomination Form https://gradschool.umd.edu/sites/gradschool.umd.edu/files/uploads/umd_nomination_of_thesis_or_dissertation_committee_10_20.pdf
July 18	Last day to submit Application for Graduation (University requirement). This may be done on the web via Testudo
Aug 7	All requirements (e.g., candidacy paper, incomplete grades, etc) need to be completed for summer graduation.
Aug 12	*Master's Thesis Students:* - Final date for Thesis advisors to submit Report of Examining Committee - Final date to electronically submit Thesis; https://gradschool.umd.edu/sites/gradschool.umd.edu/files/uploads/thesis_and_dissertation_electronic_publication_form.pdf

CHECKLIST AS YOU PREPARE TO GRADUATE

KASA Form

Fill out your ASHA application https://www.asha.org/certification/slpcertification/ and Knowledge and Skills Acquisition (KASA) form FULLY and check it for accuracy. We have a model form that uses University of Maryland courses as examples to guide you in filling out your form.

Praxis exam

- The praxis exam can be taken any time before you apply for ASHA certification. Students typically take this during their final semester in the program. https://www.ets.org/praxis/asha/requirements
- Please list the University of Maryland as a recipient of your NTE ASHA exam scores.
  o The code for Speech is 5331 and our institution code is: 0131. Or find UMD/SLP in the drop-down list.

Post-Graduation Contact Information and Clinical Fellowship Information

Near the time of graduation, you will be asked to provide a preferred email address so the department can contact you if the need arises after graduation. The CFY information is required by ASHA for program accreditation purposes.