

Department of English
Graduate Student Deadlines AY 2025-26

For All Graduate Students		
Date	Description	Task / <i>Form</i>
11/1/25		Last date to defend MA Portfolios, MFA, and PhD Dissertations for Fall 2025 graduation
11/15/25		All paperwork due to GS for all students planning to graduate Fall 2025
12/2/25		<i>Independent Study Proposal</i> approved by Graduate Chair for Spring 2026 independent study
1/12/26		Teaching assistantship application, for grad students without TAship
1/12/26		Teaching assistantship extension requests, for grad students who wish to exceed their TAship limits, Fall 2026 or Spring 2027
4/4/26		Last date to defend MA Portfolios, MFA, and PhD Dissertations for Spring 2026 graduation
4/15/26		All paperwork due to GS for all students planning to graduate Spring 2026
5/10/26		<i>Independent Study Proposal</i> approved by Graduate Chair for Summer & Fall 2027 independent study
5/15/26		English Department Graduation Ceremony
7/1/26		Last date to defend MA Portfolios, MFA, and PhD Dissertations for Summer 2026 graduation
7/15/26		All paperwork due to OGS for all students planning to graduate Summer 2026
8/13/26	Save the date	Mandatory All Graduate Student Orientation

For MA Students		
Date	Description	Task / <i>Form</i>
9/2/25	Two weeks before exam	Announcement of MA Exam (Medieval Studies)
9/15/25	3 rd Monday in September	Medieval Studies MA Exam
10/1/25		<i>Program of Studies Form</i> to ACGS for MAs planning to graduate Spring 2026
Mid-October		New R&W graduate students should have met with preliminary faculty mentors for advisement
12/6/25	End of 3 rd semester	<i>Appointment of COS form</i> for all MAs
12/6/25	End of penultimate semester	Portfolio proposal to COS
2/3/26	Two weeks before exam	Announcement of MA Exam (Medieval Studies)
2/16/26	3 rd Monday in February	Medieval Studies MA Exam
3/16/26	9 th week of final semester	Submit portfolio to COS (All MAs)
4/1/26 at the latest	Two weeks before defense	Announcement of MA portfolio defense
7/1/26		<i>Program of Studies form</i> for MAs planning to graduate Fall 2026

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For MFA Students		
Date	Description	Task/ Form
11/21/25	Two weeks before exam	<i>Announcement of Examination form</i> for students taking exams Fall 2025
12/6/25	End of penultimate semester	MFA exams
12/13/25	After passed exam, before end of penultimate semester	<i>Appointment of Dissertation Committee and Application for Candidacy Forms</i> to graduate in Spring 2026
4/4/26		Defend dissertation for Spring 2026 graduation
4/21/26	Two weeks before exam	<i>Announcement of Examination Form</i> for students taking exams Spring 2026
5/2/26	End of penultimate semester	MFA exams
5/8/26	End of 4th semester	<i>Appointment of COS Form</i>
5/8/26	After passed exam, before end of penultimate semester	<i>Application for Candidacy Form</i> to Graduate Studies in Fall 2026

For PhD Students		
Date	Description	Task/ Form
8/30/25	Two weeks before exams	<i>Announcement of Examination Form</i> for students taking Fall comp exams
	Two weeks before prospectus defense	<i>Appointment of Dissertation Committee Form</i>
9/1/2025	6 months after passing comprehensive exams	PhD prospectus completed and defended (for PhD students who passed comprehensive exams in Spring 2025)
	After prospectus defense	<i>Prospectus Defense Form</i>

9/8, 9/15, 9/22/2025	2 nd , 3 rd & 4 th Mondays of Sept.	Fall PhD Comprehensive Exams
10/4/25	Semester before PhD comprehensive exams	Provide three exam fields and COS signed paperwork for individualized lists to ACGS
12/6/25	End of semester before defense	<i>Application for Candidacy Form</i> for students defending dissertation in Spring 2026 (GS recommends filing right after passing comps)
1/31/26	Two weeks before exams	<i>Announcement of Examination Form</i> for students taking Spring comp exams
2/9, 2/16, 2/23/2026	2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th Mondays of February	Spring PhD Comprehensive Exams
	Two weeks before prospectus defense	<i>Appointment of Dissertation Committee Form</i>
4/1/26	6 months after passing comprehensive exams	PhD prospectus completed, for PhD students who passed comp exams in Fall 2025
	After prospectus defense	<i>Prospectus Defense Form</i>
3/28/26	Semester before PhD comps	Provide three exam fields and COS signed paperwork for individualized lists to ACGS
5/9/26	End of 2 nd semester	<i>Appointment of COS Form</i> (exam committee, not Dissertation committee)
5/9/26	End of semester before defense	<i>Application for Candidacy form</i> for students defending dissertation in Fall 2024 (GS recommends filing right after passing comps)

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Funding Deadlines: English Department	
Ongoing	Reach out to Department Chair about possible GA opportunities throughout the year and especially for summer.
9/09/25 3/3/26	English Research and Travel Grant https://english.unm.edu/forms/travel_grad.php Apply only in semester of travel.
4/1/26	Departmental Scholarship Applications due (web application) Student Scholarship Application - GRAD (TBA by email)
~2/19/26	A&S Teaching Award for Excellence Applications (Departmental Nominations Process)

Funding Deadlines: Graduate Studies	
Fall 9/5/25 Spring 1/26/2026 Summer 4/24/2026	Doctoral Conference Presentation Award for conferences held between Aug 1 to Dec 31, 2025; Jan 1-May 3, 2026 and June 1-July 31, 2026 http://grad.unm.edu/funding/research-travel-grants/doc-conference-award.html
Fall: 9/12/25 Spring 2/14/26 Summer: ~ 4/15/26	Clarence & Emily Rogers Research Scholarship Clarence & Emily Rogers Research Scholarship :: The University of New Mexico
~ 4/1/26	American Association of University Women (Santa Fe) Scholarship http://grad.unm.edu/funding/scholarships/aauw-santa-fe.html
3/1/26	Tom L. Popejoy Dissertation Prize nominations due (3-year rotation) https://grad.unm.edu/funding/awards-honors.html
3/6/26 (first Friday of March)	Graduate Dean's Dissertation Fellowship (English Department pre-selection deadline: mid-February) http://grad.unm.edu/funding/fellowships/deans-fellowship.html
Check for deadlines on website	PNMGC Graduate Student Mentor Scholarship https://pnmgc.unm.edu/mentorship/Peer%20Mentorship%20Program.html
4/25/26	Graduate Research Supplement (English Department pre-selection due Early April) http://grad.unm.edu/funding/research-travel-grants/research-supplement.html

Deadlines vary, visit website	For national fellowships, see http://grad.unm.edu/funding/fellowships/index.html
8/22/25 For Fall 25 ~2/1/26 For Spring 26	Graduate Student Success Scholarship. Departmental nomination required: http://grad.unm.edu/funding/scholarships/student-success.html * English Department internal deadline is: 8/15/2025 for Fall 1/15/2026 or Spring

Funding Deadlines: GPSA	
GPSA funding is now handled through their own application system at https://gpsa.unm.edu/funding/grants-funding/grant-scholarship.html . Updated application deadlines will be posted there when they become available (August/September). You will need to create a login and password for the new system.	
Date	Description
Fall: ~TBA see website	Graduate Scholarship Fund (GSF) https://gpsa.unm.edu/funding/grants-funding/grant-scholarship.html
Fall: ~TBA Spring: ~TBA	New Mexico Research Grants (NMRG) – Fall only https://gpsa.unm.edu/funding/grants-funding/grant-scholarship.html
Fall: ~TBA Spring: ~TBA	Prof. Development Grants (PDG) – Fall, Spring, and Summer https://gpsa.unm.edu/funding/grants-funding/grant-scholarship.html
Fall: ~TBA Spring: ~TBA	Student Research Grants (SRG) – Fall, Spring, and Summer https://gpsa.unm.edu/funding/grants-funding/grant-scholarship.html
Contact GPSA	Graduate Summer Scholarship (GSS) Updated link: https://gpsa.unm.edu/funding/grants-funding/grant-scholarship.html

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Funding Deadlines: University and Beyond	
Date	Description
Open yearly on June 1 See website	Alumni Association Scholarships UNM Alumni Connect - Scholarship FAQs
~Early March but check website early in the spring	Bilinski Humanities Dissertation Completion Fellowship http://artsci.unm.edu/for-students/fellowships/index.html
(Check in February 2026)	UNM Parent Association Scholarships http://parentassociation.unm.edu
~Early May, but check website early spring	Center for Southwest Research Fellowships http://elibrary.unm.edu/cswr/fellowships.php

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