



# Department of Bioengineering

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## 2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR GRADUATION PLANNING AND DEADLINES FOR BIOENGINEERING MS & PhD STUDENTS

	DECEMBER 2025 GRADUATION	MAY 2026 GRADUATION	AUGUST 2026 GRADUATION
<a href="#">Apply to Graduate</a> through your UCDAccess portal.	September 3, 2025	February 4, 2026	June 16, 2026
Complete and submit <a href="#">Application for Candidacy</a> form to the BioE department ( <a href="mailto:shaun.boulier@cuanschutz.edu">shaun.boulier@cuanschutz.edu</a> ) <i>**DO NOT submit this form to the Graduate School even though the form says so.</i>	September 3, 2025 MS ONLY	February 4, 2026 MS ONLY	June 16, 2026 MS ONLY
Email your thesis to <a href="mailto:thesisdissertationsupport@ucdenver.edu">thesisdissertationsupport@ucdenver.edu</a> for format review. Your thesis must comply with the <a href="#">Format Guidelines for Theses and Dissertations</a> .	October 31, 2025	April 3, 2026	July 3, 2026
Submit <a href="#">Request for Examination</a> Form and schedule your thesis defense with the BioE department ( <a href="mailto:shaun.boulier@cuanschutz.edu">shaun.boulier@cuanschutz.edu</a> ).	2 weeks prior to exam No later than: November 7, 2025	2 weeks prior to exam No later than: April 10, 2026	2 weeks prior to exam No later than: July 10, 2026
Prepare <a href="#">Thesis Approval</a> form and submit to your defense Chair.	Prior to Defense Day	Prior to Defense Day	Prior to Defense Day
Defend your master's thesis/project	November 21, 2025	April 24, 2026	July 24, 2026
Submit final thesis to <a href="#">ProQuest</a> Complete <a href="#">Exit Survey</a>	December 5, 2025	May 8, 2026	July 31, 2026
<b>END OF TERM/</b> <a href="#">COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY</a>	December 13, 2025 Downtown & AMC	May 16, 2026 DDC May 18, 2026 AMC	No Summer Commencement

**\*Students must be enrolled at the time they undertake their final examinations\***

### Reminders to Candidates:

- Transfer credit requests must be approved by the program and submitted to the Graduate School before the semester in which a student defends/graduates. Transfer of credit requests that are submitted in the last semester **cannot** be listed on the Application to Candidacy and will not count toward graduation credits.
- To complete the Application for Candidacy form, print a copy of your unofficial transcript and refer to it as you complete the form. Please only include courses that count toward your degree. Do not include any failed classes or classes you were enrolled in that are not required/permitted for your degree. The number of credits indicated on the first page of the Application for Candidacy Form (confirmed by your program) should be the minimum number of credits that are required for graduation, not the total of number of credits you have earned.