

PECO M.A. Thesis and Research Essays Submission Deadlines 2026

Students who have questions about meeting these deadlines should consult with the

[Institute Administrator](#)

Steps:	Term		
	Winter 2026	Summer 2026	Fall 2026
1. Consult your supervisor about your timeline for completion and your writing schedule.	Jan.	May	Sept
2. Present draft chapters to your supervisor for comment and revision *** It is students' responsibility to inform their supervisors of progress on their research essays/theses throughout the writing process. ***	Jan.-Mar.	May-July	Sept.-Nov.
3. Last Day to apply to Graduate (university deadline)	*April 1 (for June)	*August 31 (for Nov.)	*November. 30 (for Feb)
4. Submit a full and complete draft of your research project to your supervisor for review.			
M.A. Thesis (3 weeks before university deadline for evaluation copy): Your supervisor may require a different deadline. Your supervisor must inform the Institute Administrator that you are planning to defend and suggest committee members (second reader, examiner).	Mar. 11	June 28	Nov. 14
M.A. Research Essay: Your supervisor may require an earlier deadline. Your supervisor must inform the Institute Administrator that you are planning to complete your project this term and provide the name of the examiner.	Mar. 15	July 15	Nov. 15
5. Last Day to Submit EVALUATION copy of research project to committee (you may, of course, submit earlier!).			
M.A. Thesis (university deadline). -- The Institute Administrator will authorize upload of thesis on the E-Thesis system in Carleton Central. Once authorized, the student uploads the thesis on Carleton Central. According to university policy, the thesis must be circulated to the committee members at least 3 weeks before the scheduled defence date (any exceptions to this timeframe must be agreed to by all members of the committee) and completely uploaded in the e-thesis system at least 2 weeks before the scheduled defence.	*April 1	*July. 19	*Dec 4

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M.A. Research Essay: Submit an electronic copy of your MRE as an MS Word or PDF file to your supervisor and examiner, copying the Institute Administrator.	April 1	Aug. 10	Dec 1
6. Evaluation			
M.A. Thesis: Last Day to Hold Thesis Defence (one week before thesis upload completion deadline)	May 5	Sept 15	Jan 12
M.A. Research Essay: Deadline for Examination Committee to report grade to the PECO Director, or to request a defence.	April 21	Aug 31	Dec 21
7. Submission of filing copy of research project			
M.A. Thesis:			
Deadline for students to upload the final revised copy in the e-thesis system (this can be done earlier!).	May 8	Sept 18	Jan 15
Final days for supervisor to approve upload or return to student for further corrections	May 8-11	Sept 18-21	Jan 15-18
M.A. Research Essay: Submit an electronic copy of your MRE with any typos or corrections made as an MS Word or PDF file to Institute Administrator copying your supervisor.	May 8	Sept 18	Jan 15
8. FINAL Thesis Upload Approval/Research Essay Mark Approval by Dean Last Day for Registration and Course Changes (University Deadline) ***Please note that students whose thesis is not uploaded and approved by this date or whose research essay mark has not been approved by the Dean by this date will have to register for the following academic term. No exceptions. ***	*May 12	*Sept 22	*Jan 19
Submission Date to avoid Fees in Subsequent Term In cases where a student misses the above deadlines and are required to register in the subsequent term, you may still receive full reimbursement for that term if Step 8 is completed by the last day to withdrawal from courses with full fee reimbursement. Please note that your convocation date will be later.	Term		
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	May 31 for Summer term fees	Sept 30 for Fall term fees	Jan 31 for Winter term fees