

DATES AND DEADLINES FOR SUBMITTING DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS FOR EXAMINATION (2019)

The Postgraduate Examination Office (PEO) manages the examination process for all doctoral degrees within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

In order to be eligible to graduate in December 2019 or March/April 2020, doctoral students need to submit their dissertation for examination on or before a specific deadline date. These fixed dates coincide with the closing dates for the agendas of the Faculty's committee system and with the deadlines of University Administration.

According to Faculty regulations, any dissertation received more than two weeks after the closing date will be held over for the next submission and graduation cycle, which may require the registration of an additional year of study. All deadlines below should be regarded as absolute.

DATE	ACTIVITY
27 February	Last day for submitting electronic version of dissertations for April 2019 graduation (for procedure, see www.sun.ac.za/etheses)
13 March	DEADLINE: Submission of intention to submit dissertation for examination in time for December graduation form.
04 April	April graduation day at 17:00
20 May	DEADLINE: Submission of intention to submit dissertation for examination in time for March 2019 graduation form.
1 AUGUST (before 16:30)	DEADLINE: Submission of doctoral dissertation (and supporting documentation) for December 2019 graduation. Late submissions will be held over for March/April 2020 graduation.
16 – 20 September	Oral examinations for doctoral candidates for December 2019 graduation
9 OCTOBER (before 16:30)	DEADLINE: Submission of doctoral dissertations (and supporting documentation) for March/April 2020 graduation. Late submissions will be held over for December 2020 graduation.
22 November – 6 December	Oral examinations for doctoral candidates for March/April 2020 graduation
27 November	DEADLINE: Submission of electronic copy of dissertations on SUNScholar for December 2019 graduation (for procedure, see www.sun.ac.za/etheses)
12 December	December graduation ceremony at 10:00 for MA and PhD students in Drama, Music, Social Work, Visual Arts
13 December	December graduation ceremony at 10:00 for MA and PhD students EXCEPT Drama, Music, Social Work, Visual Arts
February 2020	DEADLINE: Submission of electronic copy of dissertations on SUNScholar for March/April 2020 graduation (for procedure, see www.sun.ac.za/etheses). The exact date will only be available when the Calendar for 2020 is finalised.