

NOTES ON DUE DATES*

Within due dates

- For guaranteed completion, submit by our due dates.
- However, if you are leaving Monterey *earlier* than our due dates, then submit for Final Review at least five business days before you must leave.

After due dates

- After our due dates, we *still* require five business days for processing, but *completion is not guaranteed*.
- The later you submit after the due dates, the higher the risk.

Definition of Initial Draft and Final Draft

- “Initial Draft” means three chapters formatted in a template, a distribution statement on the cover, and at least a partial list of references. A distribution statement is required; it determines processor assignment and iThenticate eligibility.
 - Only CHDS students working with an approved editor are excused from an Initial Draft review, hereafter called an “Initial Review.”
- “Final Draft” means 1) the thesis has undergone an Initial Review (see previous bullet for exception), 2) the Thesis Release and Approval Form (TRAF) has been fully signed in your Python thesis dashboard, and 3) all documents (thesis and First 8 Pages file) have been uploaded to SharePoint. Thesis Processing will not conduct a Final Draft review, hereafter called a “Final Review,” before the TRAF has been fully signed.
 - By NPS policy, military and international students must either have their TPO thesis final acceptance email by their detach date, or must file for an extension by their detach date.
 - If you were instructed to resubmit for another (“Near-final Draft”) iThenticate review, you must have this done before submitting for Final Review with your thesis processor. Turnaround time for a Near-final Draft iThenticate review is five business days. Do not sign your Thesis Release Form until you have passed your TII review. By signing your thesis release form, you attest that your thesis meets Honor Code requirements, including being free of plagiarism.

High-Risk Submission Dates

- **Fewer than five business days before graduation day.** Students submitting for Final Review *fewer than five business days before graduation day* should be advised that next- or second-day turnaround is rarely, if ever, possible. Depending on the number of late submissions we receive, some papers turned in during this time may need to be processed during the “grace week” after graduation (the Academic Council deadline for thesis completion is the Friday after graduation). **Please check with your military representative, program officer, and/or ed tech on the effects an extension will have on your record.** It can vary according to service.
 - i. If you are submitting for final review the week of graduation, but before 5 pm on graduation day, **and you will be in Monterey the entire next week**, an extension is not required.

*Academic departments may have submission dates that are earlier than those of Thesis Processing.

ii. If you submit for final review the week of graduation, but before 5 pm on graduation day, **and you will not be in Monterey the next week**, please file an extension as a precaution.

- **Graduation day.** The last day we accept any submissions is no later than 5 pm on graduation day.

Other Important Dates

- Graduation Day—Student Services and International Program Office closes early.
- Thesis acceptance may not be issued after the Friday following graduation, per the Academic Council. (For the December class, this deadline is three Fridays after graduation.)
- Detach Date—By NPS policy, military and international students must either have their thesis acceptance letter by their detach date, or must file for an extension by their detach date. Students should make their advisory team aware of early detach dates. Those departing before graduation day will be expected to provide proof of departure date in writing. Final Draft deadline for early departures is five business days prior to leaving NPS.

How We Work

Each thesis is carefully reviewed by a thesis processor. Expect a turnaround time of five to eight business days. Turnaround time for a iThenticate review is five business days. During times of heavy volume, such as immediately after the due dates, turnaround times could lean long (six to eight days). *Resident* international and military students who meet due dates have priority processing. *DL, extension, and staff* students who meet due dates are highly likely to receive their thesis acceptance by close of business on graduation day, but in times of extremely heavy volume, processing of these types of theses will be pushed to the week after graduation (thesis acceptance may be issued until the Friday after graduation).

Incomplete submissions (failing to list a distribution statement, upload required forms, remove track changes, identify a citation style, etc.) are returned to the student, who must resubmit. A resubmission will lose its original place in line and will be treated as a new submission.

Theses are processed for the current graduating class only. Students submitting for a future graduation will be instructed to resubmit during the quarter in which they plan to graduate. We resume thesis reviews about one month into each quarter, because the first few weeks after graduation are spent closing out the previous quarter.