Office of the Registrar - Deadline Dates to Petition for Graduation
Melbourne Campus and Education Centers

NOTES: Graduating seniors must have their Petition for Graduate received by the registrar’s Graduation Office no later than the date shown below.

To complete the online Petition to Graduate, log in to Access, select the PAWS icon and navigate to 'Student Records' under the Student tab.

*Date the completed ‘Petition for Graduation’ must be submitted to the Registrar’s Graduation Office to avoid a late fee of $30.00. A late fee of $60 is assessed if a student petitions to graduate (for the first time) during the semester of graduation.

Spring 2021
Last day to petition for graduation without a late fee* ................................................................. September 11, 2020
Last day to re-petition for students who had petitioned for Fall 2020* .................................................. January 29, 2021
Last day for completed graduate level defense and exam ........................................................................... April 19, 2021
Last day to submit approved copies of thesis or dissertation to the Office of Graduate Programs .................. April 26, 2021
Graduation Date .................................SATURDAY VIRTUAL CEREMONY .................................................. May 1, 2021

Summer 2021
Last day to petition for graduation without a late fee* ............................................................................. February 5, 2021
Last day to re-petition for students who had petitioned for Spring 2021* ................................................... June 7, 2021
Last day for completed graduate level defense and exam ........................................................................... July 19, 2021
Last day to submit approved copies of thesis or dissertation to the Office of Graduate Programs .................. July 26, 2021
Graduation Date .................................SATURDAY CEREMONY ............................................................. July 31, 2021

Fall 2021
Last day to petition for graduation without a late fee* ............................................................................. April 2, 2021
Last day to re-petition for students who had petitioned for Spring/Summer 2021* ....................................... September 3, 2021
Last day for completed graduate level defense and exam ........................................................................... December 6, 2021
Last day to submit approved copies of thesis or dissertation to the Office of Graduate Programs .................. December 13, 2021
Graduation Date .................................TWO SATURDAY CEREMONIES .................................................. December 18, 2021