



Your Path to the Graduate Degree

Welcome to Graduate Education at the University of Wyoming!

Financial aid - (U. S. Citizens and Permanent Residents) Complete the online FASFA for eligibility for fiscal support from many sources

Committee formation - (form to Academic Affairs in the first 2 semesters. Ask your mentor about forms required for your degree.)

Program of Study - identifies coursework for degree (form to Registrar, 2nd or 3rd semesters, file **after** committee is approved)

Research proposal or project plan - ideally at first committee meeting in 1st 2 semesters

Complete coursework

- Coursework approved by committee on Program of Study
- Must maintain at least a 3.0 GPA in all coursework
- Master's students must finish in 6 calendar years after beginning of 1st course on the Program of Study; Doctoral students must finish in 8 calendar years after beginning of 1st course on the Program of Study

Preliminary exam (doctoral students only; form to Registrar's office)

- Minimum of 15 weeks prior to final defense exam
- Doctoral candidates have 4 calendar years after the successful completion of their preliminary examination to complete their degree

Completed project or research product to the committee 3 weeks before the final exam/defense

Declare graduation - (Anticipated Graduation Date form to Registrar's office) semester before you plan to graduate

Commencement participation - declare semester of your graduation, fill out survey on commencement website

Embargo of research (optional, but if needed, should be done prior to the defense)

Final exam/defense

- Public announcement of time, day and place of exam (2 weeks prior)
- 10 days prior to end of semester of graduation

Thesis or dissertation revisions - compliance with UW format completed and approved by Committee

- **Report of final exam** (form to Registrar's office)

Thesis or dissertation upload to ProQuest

Survey of Earned Doctorates (National Research Council, online)

All paperwork is due by the last day of classes in the semester you plan to graduate

Pay any outstanding fees, check with WyoRecords to confirm graduation



Congratulations!