

January/May 2027 D. Min. Thesis-Project Deadlines & Graduation Schedule

To complete your degree, the forms listed below must be filled out and submitted to the Doctor of Ministry Office as soon as possible.
Without a complete graduation application on file, you will not be able to graduate

Application for Graduation (TBD)

[Biographical Data Sheet](#)

Students who change their graduation term (session and/or year) after the deadline will be charged a \$50 graduation change fee.

Deadlines to Revoke Graduation:

- **January 2026 Graduation:** December 1, 2026
- **May 2026 Graduation:** February 1, 2027

Graduation Checklist – January 2027

Checklist Item

Complete the Application for Graduation

Deadline

Friday, August 25, 2026

Submit one (1) draft copy (in .pdf format) of the entire thesis-project to the following individuals/office:

6 weeks before the scheduled defense

Thesis-Project Supervisor: _____

Thesis-Project Reader: _____

DMin Office (dminoffice@gordonconwell.edu)

Defend Thesis-Project

by Friday, October 16, 2026

Submit one (1) .pdf copy of the Supervisor-approved Thesis-Project to the DMin Office for the Post-Defense Format Review

by Friday, November 6, 2026

Complete the Thesis-Project Review Process

by Friday, December 4, 2026

Pay the Student Financial Account in Full (email the student accounts office with any questions about your student account: dminaccounts@gordonconwell.edu)

By Friday, December 5, 2026

Attend Graduation Festivities

Charlotte, NC Commencement: Sat, May 15, 2027

Massachusetts, MA Commencement: Fri & Sat, May 7-8, 2027

Graduation Checklist – May 2027

Checklist Item

Complete the Application for Graduation

Deadline

Tuesday, January 12, 2027

Submit one (1) draft copy (in .pdf format) of the entire thesis-project to the following individuals/office:

6 weeks before the scheduled defense

Thesis-Project Supervisor: _____

Thesis-Project Reader: _____

DMin Office (dminoffice@gordonconwell.edu)

Defend Thesis-Project

by Friday, March 5, 2027

Submit one (1) .pdf copy of the Supervisor-approved Thesis-Project to the DMin Office for the Post-Defense Format Review

by Friday, March 19, 2027

Complete the Thesis-Project Review Process

by Friday, April 23, 2027

Pay the Student Financial Account in Full (email the student accounts office with any questions about your student account: dminaccounts@gordonconwell.edu)

by Friday, April 23, 2027

Attend Graduation Festivities

Charlotte, NC Commencement: Sat, May 15, 2027

Massachusetts, MA Commencement: Fri & Sat, May 7-8, 2027

It is **very important** that you remain in close communication with both the Doctor of Ministry Office and with your thesis-project Supervisor and Reader throughout this process. If you have any questions, please call the DMIN office at 978-646-4132 or email dminoffice@gordonconwell.edu.