

2026 academic year II – Timetable for doctoral thesis examination

2026

2 December (Wed)

Receipt of applications for doctoral thesis examination begins
(students planning to complete in second semester)

9 December (Wed)

Deadline for receipt of applications for doctoral thesis examination

22 December (Tue)

Deadline for reporting date, time, place and recommendations for
committee members of doctoral thesis open examination

* The chief examiner decides the date, time and place of the
doctoral thesis open examination, and reports this and
recommendations for the dissertation examination committee to
the Dean of the Graduate School.

2027

8 January (Fri)

Representative committee

- Decision on whether or not to accept doctoral dissertation
- Decision on establishment and members of doctoral
dissertation defense committee

15 January (Fri)

Announcement of doctoral thesis open examination schedule
(notification to all concerned)

20 January (Wed)

Inspection period (until 10 February (Wed))

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Start of doctoral thesis open examinations

1 February (Mon)

End of doctoral thesis open examinations

* After examination, submission of "Summary of results of
doctoral dissertation defense" and "Summary of results of
final examination" (by 4 February(Thurs))

12 February (Fri)

Graduate School committee

- Decision on whether to pass doctoral dissertation

1 March (Mon)

Deadline for submittal of doctoral dissertation (bound-cover), and the full
text of the doctoral dissertation(in PDF format)

8 March (Mon)

Doctorate conferment ceremony (provisional date)

*** Students who have exceeded the standard length of enrollment (3 years) or who wish to complete early may apply for the doctorate at any time, and doctoral thesis open examinations may be held at times before those in the schedule above, though, doctoral degrees shall be conferred twice a year, in September and March. Please be sure to submit documents for application by the specified date.**