

Schedule for Doctoral Studies 2025/2026

Pre-Semester Period

(End of the Academic Year 2024/2025 and preparation for 2025/2026)

Deadline for dissertation submission for the September round of final defenses	June 19, 2025
Registration for state exams via SIS; confirmation of required obligations for eligibility	August 1, 2025
Submission of specialization questions for the state exam (for exams under the old system of accreditation)	June 21, 2025
Summer state exams	September 18, 2025
Submission of applications for the autumn round of pre-defenses	September 18, 2025
Enrollment of newly admitted doctoral students	June 23 – September 30, 2025
Subject Area Board meeting (ISP evaluations and admissions decisions)	September 18, 2025
Autumn final defenses	September 15 – September 26, 2025

Winter Semester 2025/2026 (October 1, 2025 – February 15, 2026)

Start of semester classes	September 29, 2025
Enrollment in courses	September 16 – October 5, 2025
Doctoral classes begin	October 9, 2025
Autumn meeting with doctoral students	Organized by doctoral students
Dean's Day	October 27, 2025
Autumn pro-defenses	November 18 – November 21, 2025
Submission of specialization questions for the state exam	November 11, 2025

Registration for the state exam via SIS; supervisor confirmation	December 5, 2025
Submission of individual study plans (ISP, 1st-year students)	November 15, 2025
Submission of ISP via SIS (supervisor)	November 30, 2025
Student evaluation of doctoral courses for the winter semester	February 16 – February 22, 2026
Subject Area Board meeting (evaluation of ISP, dissertation project reviewers designated)	January 12, 2026
Winter state exams	January 15, 2026
1st-year students submit reviewed dissertation projects to supervisors and in the Research Design course	February 1, 2026

Summer Semester 2025/2026 (February 16 – June 30, 2026)

Enrollment in courses	February 3 – February 22, 2026
Classes begin for doctoral students	February 19, 2026
Submission of dissertations for the spring round of final defenses	February 13, 2026
Submission of applications for the spring round of pre-defenses	February 20, 2026
Submission of final project proposals (1st-year students)	March 9, 2026
Submission of specialization questions for the state exam	March 20, 2026
Submission of evaluations by dissertation project reviewers	March 31, 2026
1st-year students submit their revised dissertation projects to reviewers	June 12, 2026
Registration for the state exam via SIS; supervisor confirmation	April 18, 2026
Spring final defenses	April 13 – April 17, 2026
Spring pre-defenses	April 20 – April 24, 2026
Submission of dissertation projects for new applicants	April 30, 2026

Dean's Day	April 2, 2026
Rector's Day	May 13, 2026
Spring state exams	May 21, 2026
Student evaluation of doctoral courses for summer semester	May 11 – May 17, 2026
System open for annual ISP evaluations	June 1 – September 30, 2026
Submission of annual ISP evaluations by students	July 31, 2026
Submission of the second-round dissertation project revisions	July 31, 2025
Supervisor submission of ISP evaluations	September 10, 2026
Doctoral study evaluation period	August 26 – September 8, 2026

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Submission of dissertations for the autumn round of final defenses	June 14, 2026
Registration for the state exam via SIS	June 31, 2026
Submission of applications for the autumn round of pre-defenses	September 16, 2026
Summer state exams	September 17, 2026
Autumn final defenses	September 16 – September 27, 2026
Autumn pre-defenses	November 16 – November 27, 2026