Students approaching the end of their MFA program must complete the following in order to graduate. The forms listed can be found on the Graduate Studies forms page or by clicking the links below.

_____ **Application for Candidacy form**: Submit this form to Graduate Studies after the MFA comprehensive examination has been completed and passed.

_____ **The Dissertation Committee**: MFA candidates initiate the process of selecting the dissertation committee by first arranging for a qualified faculty member to serve as the director/chair.

_____ **Proposed Graduation List form (submitted by the graduate unit)**: Notify your department graduate staff advisor before the last day of the previous term in which you intend to graduate or by the department internal deadline for notification to graduate.

_____ **Announcement of Examination**: Electronically submit the appropriate announcement form via gradforms.unm.edu at least two weeks before your dissertation defense is scheduled. In all cases, you must submit the results of the dissertation defense to Graduate Studies no later than two weeks after the announced date of the dissertation defense.

_____ **Electronic Report of Examination**: Your committee must submit the results of the dissertation defense to Graduate Studies no later than two weeks after the dissertation defense. Results from your committee member is due in Graduate Studies by the graduation deadline (see deadline dates below). Check with your advisor/committee chair if you have questions.

**MANUSCRIPT SUBMISSION**

**IMPORTANT**: An MFA student must submit their dissertation to Graduate Studies within ninety (90) days of their final MFA defense, except for MFA students in Art and Art Studio. For Thesis/Dissertation formatting guidelines, click here. For front matter templates (Template pages/Examples of Completed Front Matter) click here. All MFA candidates (Creative Writing, Dance, and Dramatic Writing) must follow the procedures below to complete the degree requirements of the dissertation.
When your dissertation has all revisions completed and approved by your dissertation committee, you must submit your dissertation ONLY to the UNM Digital Repository.

**FORMS:** Submit all manuscript forms listed below to Mayra Estrada, Manuscript Coordinator, at Graduate Studies, either in person or by email attachment to mayra85@unm.edu. These forms can be found on the Graduate Studies Forms page under the Manuscript Block or by clicking the links below.

- **Information Cover Sheet:** No signatures necessary. Please submit this form to Graduate Studies before you electronically submit your dissertation.

- **Certification of Final Form (Electronic manuscript option-CFF):** Requires signatures from you and your dissertation committee chair. Please submit this form to Graduate Studies before you electronically submit your dissertation.

- **ETD Release Form:** This form must be signed by the author (the student) of the dissertation. Please submit this form to Graduate Studies before you electronically submit your dissertation.

**DEADLINES**

In order to graduate in a particular term, you must complete all your degree requirements, complete your defense, make all necessary revisions to your manuscript and have it accepted by Graduate Studies by the following dates:

- Spring Graduation: April 15
- Summer Graduation: July 15
- Fall Graduation: November 15

**NOTE:** If any of the deadlines that appear on this sheet occur on a weekend or a holiday for which UNM is closed, the deadline will be moved to the next business day.

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