

Examination Process for Doctoral Dissertations (Conferral in March/September 2026)

For Degree Program Candidates

Item		Degree Conferral in March 2026	Date	Degree Conferral in September 2026	Date
Dissertation Advisory Committee	Deadline for Request for Establishment (*1) (Steering Committee)	By late January of the previous year (need to have received research guidance for at least three months)	January 17, 2025 (Friday)	By late June of the previous year (need to have received research guidance for at least three months)	June 25, 2025 (Wednesday)
Dissertation (for preliminary examination)	Submittal deadline	First Monday of June	June 2, 2025 (Monday)	First Monday of December	December 1, 2025 (Monday)
	Acceptance (Steering Committee)	Early July	July 9, 2025 (Wednesday)	Mid January	January 21, 2026 (Wednesday)
Public Presentation of Dissertation	Presentation date (*2)	Third Saturday of July (announced two weeks prior in principle)	July 19, 2025 (Saturday)	Fourth Saturday of January (announced two weeks prior in principle)	January 24, 2026 (Saturday)
Preliminary Examination	Notification of correction requests to candidate	Early August	August 4, 2025 (Monday)	Early February	February 2, 2026 (Monday)
	<i>Shinsa Houkokusho</i> (report of the Preliminary Examination) submittal deadline	Late August	August 18, 2025 (Monday)	Late February	February 16, 2026 (Monday)
	Report to Steering Committee	Late September	September 1, 2025 (Monday)	Early March	March 11, 2026 (Wednesday)
Final Examination	Submittal of Dissertation (for Final Examination)	Late October	October 20, 2025 (Monday)	Late April	April 16, 2026 (Thursday)
	Oral Defense (Final Examination)	Schedule to be arranged	—	Schedule to be arranged	—
	<i>Shinsa Houkokusho</i> (report of the Final Examination) submittal deadline	Three weeks prior to Steering Committee meeting	January 13, 2026 (Tuesday)	Three weeks prior to Steering Committee meeting	Mid June 2026
	Issuance of <i>Shinsa Houkokusho</i> (report of the Final Examination)	Two weeks prior to Steering Committee meeting	January 21, 2026 (Wednesday)	Two weeks prior to Steering Committee meeting	Late June 2026
Final Pass/Fail Decision (Steering Committee)		Early February	February 4, 2026 (Wednesday)	July	July 2026
Conferral of Degree		Late March	Late March 2026	Mid September	Mid September 2026

(*1) Candidates currently enrolled in the Doctoral Program must request establishment of a Dissertation Advisory Committee after completion of two semesters of research guidance after enrollment in principle (resolution of the GSC Steering Committee, February 10, 2015).

(*2) The date of the Public Presentation of Dissertation may be altered depending on the availability of Committee Members and candidate.