

**GRADUATE COLLEGE TIMELINES**  
**for**  
**THESIS, SPECIAL PROJECTS, AND PORTFOLIOS**

Arkansas Tech University – Russellville  
Graduate College

**Spring 2021 Graduation**

The following guidelines refer to thesis, but apply equally to special projects and portfolios.

**Important Dates**

<b>DUE DATES</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF DEADLINES</b>
<b>January 29</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apply for Spring 2021 graduation, if not yet completed. If this deadline is not met, your name will not appear in the Commencement Program.</li> </ul>
<b>February 15</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Topic Approval Form</b> along with your thesis study summary are due to the Graduate College for the dean to approve. Committee Chair and Committee Member approval required.</li> </ul>
<b>TBA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Graduation Fair at ATU Bookstore to pre-order cap and gown.</li> </ul>
<b>March 22</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thesis draft should be submitted to committee. This date may vary. Please check with your Committee Chair.</li> </ul>
<b>April 9</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Last day to submit a committee-approved draft electronically for review by the Graduate College. Your final committee-approved draft must be submitted by your Committee Chair to the Graduate College. Final drafts will not be accepted from the student.</li> </ul>
<b>April 16</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student will be notified by the Graduate College of any necessary revisions for thesis.</li> </ul>
<b>April 23</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thesis defense must be completed and <i>Thesis Oral Defense Form</i> must be submitted to the Graduate College.</li> </ul>
<b>April 23</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Last day to submit final version of thesis and/or project.</li> </ul>
<b>April 23</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oral examinations must be completed for special projects or portfolios. Notification must be submitted to the Graduate College for successful completion.</li> </ul>
<b>April 26 (Reading Day)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Last day to submit notification to the Graduate College for comprehensive written examinations, if required by program.</li> </ul>
<b>May 7</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Masters Graduation Ceremony</li> </ul>