

PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF DISSERTATIONS, THESES, AND PROFESSIONAL PAPERS

student prior to completing the review and will be informed that she/he will need to apply to graduate the next semester.

All students submitting a dissertation or thesis are required to have them read by the Graduate Reader/Editor and the Formatter for quality and professionalism. It is recommended that students submit their publication-ready, with minimal errors, thesis or dissertation as early as possible once the document has been approved by the committee and the department chair. Theses and dissertations are reviewed in the order in which they are received. The degree will not be conferred until the student completes the Graduate Reader/Editor and the Formatter corrections and uploads the document. Late submissions will not be considered for that term's graduation (see deadlines (<https://www.twu.edu/gradschool/current-students/degree-completion/>)).

For students submitting a thesis or dissertation, the Graduate School provides formatting assistance with style manual formatting, assistance with graduate school requirements, as well as corresponding forms and any applicable requirements. Contact information for the Graduate School Formatter and hours of availability can be found on the Graduate School website under Thesis and Dissertation Consultation (<http://www.twu.edu/gradschool/current-students/thesis-and-dissertation/>).

Students, not committee chairs, must submit/upload their own thesis/dissertation to Vireo (<https://twu-etd.tdl.org/>).

Additionally, the graduate school provides a "Thesis, Dissertation, & Professional Paper Technical Manual (<https://www.twu.edu/gradschool/current-students/thesis-and-dissertation/>)".

The Graduate Reader/Editor reviews dissertations and theses for grammar and citations once they have been successfully defended.

The Thesis/Dissertation Formatting Editor reviews dissertations and theses for formatting only.

Digital submission: Students enrolling in thesis or dissertation credit hours are required to use the digital submission format wherein a digital copy is uploaded to Texas Digital Library (TDL). Paper copies of documents are not accepted by the Graduate School.

Submission Deadlines for Theses and Dissertations

The submission date for theses and dissertations will be as follows:
<https://twu.edu/gradschool/forms/>

- **Fall** - Due 5 weeks prior to graduation
- **Spring** - Due 5 weeks prior to graduation
- **Summer** - Due 4 weeks prior to graduation

Dissertations requiring changes or corrections after being reviewed by the Graduate Reader/Editor and Formatter must have corrections made one week (5 working days) after being returned to the student (or prior to the graduation date if shorter) to be allowed to graduate that term. Dissertations with multiple significant errors will be returned to the