

Yale Chemistry - Ph.D. Graduation Check List

The following is due:

for May 2026 Graduation - by 4:00 pm on February 15th for for
December 2025 Graduation - by 4:00 pm on August 29th

- Students are responsible for scheduling [25Live](#) a date, time, and room location for their thesis defense. Your presentation can be hybrid format as well (Zoom & in-person).

Please give your committee members adequate notice when trying to schedule your oral thesis defense seminar. **This seminar needs to be held prior to the written submission deadlines.** Any extensions beyond this, need to be approved by committee members, advisor, as well as the Chemistry DGS.
- Promote your thesis defense [seminar by adding it to our Events page](#) at least **two and a half weeks prior to the date**. Be sure to include the title of your talk, Zoom link, and flier. If it's on the calendar, your defense will automatically be included in the weekly newsletter. Although we no longer send department-wide email announcements for individual defenses, we will print your fliers for you to post around the buildings. Please remove them afterward.
- Complete the [Notification of Leave/Graduation](#) to formally notify the Department of your Ph.D. dissertation submittal, last day in the lab, thesis defense, and future contact information. Your advisor will need to verify this.
- Submit a [GSAS Notification of Readers Report \(NOR\)](#) - formal notification of intent to submit dissertation to GSAS. The DGS or academic support team will approve shortly after. This will then notify committee members noted on NOR as well.

The following is due:

for May 2026 Graduation - by 4:00 pm on March 15th
for December 2025 Graduation - by 4:00 pm on October 1st

Dissertations submitted after the above semester deadlines will be processed for the following degree date.

- Review the steps for the: [Yale GSAS Dissertation Submission Process](#).
- Questions about formatting, publishing, citations or uploading please direct to Yale's Dissertation Office: [\(dissertationreaders@yale.edu\)](mailto:dissertationreaders@yale.edu).
- Upload finalized dissertation, forms, and surveys to the Dissertation Progress Reports (DPR) system. All steps need to be completed before 4:00 pm EST on day of the deadline.**

Link to DPR System: <https://registrar.yale.edu/students/dissertation-progress-reports>

**Important to note: three readers are required with a maximum of five allowed. Two readers will need to be primary faculty from the Yale Chemistry department. All readers will need a yale.edu email.

**Reader reports must be submitted within 30 days by each committee member in order to confer the degree.

Prior to leaving:

- If applicable, update Notification of Leave/Graduation form with any new future employment or address changes.
- Be sure to include any updates to your employment on your [LinkedIn](#) page.
- Turn in any keys, lab coats, or other university-provided equipment to the Stockroom in the new Chemical Safety building (295 Prospect St., New Haven, CT).
- Per University Policy, if you are taking a computer purchased with University funds, you must obtain approval from your advisor and call ITS @ ext. 2-9000, to have them remove any licensing or University applications from your computer before leaving campus. Send the PI approval and the ITS completed message to chemistry.finances@yale.edu

Please contact the [Chemistry Academic Support Assistants](#)
if you have any questions (chemistry.dgs@yale.edu).