

ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS DEPARTMENT

THESIS DEADLINES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-26	
If your second thesis block is:	Due date for submission of your completed thesis is 2:00 pm (MST) on:
Block II	2:00 pm Wednesday, October 15, 2025
Block III	2:00 pm Wednesday, November 12, 2025
Block IV	2:00 pm Wednesday, December 17, 2025
Block V	2:00 pm Wednesday, February 11, 2026
Block VI	2:00 pm Wednesday, March 11, 2026

As part of our commitment to student wellbeing, the Economics and Business Department has developed a new policy on thesis deadlines. While **thesis remains due by 2 pm on the 4th Wednesday** of your second thesis block, we will now offer a **no-questions-asked extension of 48 hours**. To use the no-questions-asked extension, email your thesis advisor by 4th Wednesday to notify them that you will be using the extension. You do not need to provide an explanation. After the 48-hour extension, the penalties outlined in the thesis contract will apply.

Please note: Because our aim is to support mental and physical health, **we enthusiastically recommend that you continue to plan on submitting your thesis by the 4th Wednesday deadline**, so that the 48-hour extension can provide relief if you need it. If, instead, you begin your thesis by planning to use the extension, the extension will not serve the desired purpose

Penalties for late submission			
Date/time thesis turned in		Grade Reduction	Potential Grade If thesis earned an A
Turned in after 2:00 pm on the Friday after the day it was due	Through the following Monday, before 2:00 pm	1 letter grade	Grade reduced to B
Submitted after 2:00 pm on the Monday after it was due	Through the following Tuesday, before 2:00 pm	2 letter grades	Grade reduced to C
Submitted after 2:00 pm on the Tuesday after it was due	Through the following Wednesday, before 2:00 pm	3 letter grades	Grade reduced to D
Submitted after 2:00 pm on the Wednesday after it was due		4 letter grades	“NC” grade given

2025-26 Thesis Guidelines are located on the Economics and Business Department website and canvas site.

As preparation to graduate, we want students to be able to write and speak in the language of our discipline. **Therefore, we strongly encourage thesis students to present their work publicly before they graduate.** For spring graduates, presentations at the Senior Research Symposium are scheduled for the **first Friday of Block 8**; for December graduates, talk to your thesis advisor about an alternative time before you leave campus.

If you do not meet your thesis advisor’s expectations and you earn a grade of D+ or below at the end of your first thesis block, then you will have to restart thesis with a new advisor and subject. If you have to restart thesis it will affect your graduation.