

About Publication Delays for Electronic Theses and Dissertations (ETDs)

Why request a publication delay?

Publication delays are generally requested if students are concerned that placing theses or dissertations online at the OU Library or with ProQuest/UMI may restrict their ability to publish derived or exact text from theses or dissertations (in the form of books, articles, poems, or short stories) after graduation or if a patent is pending.

Thesis and Dissertation (TAD) Services strongly suggests a publication delay if students plan to publish exact text from their manuscript. In addition, TAD encourages students to contact publishers to find out: a) whether they consider an ETD published in a library or via ProQuest/UMI to be prior to publication, b) **whether they will consider for publication a manuscript derived from an online thesis or dissertation.**

Time period: Publication delays are available for OhioLINK and ProQuest documents for one, two, three, four, or five years. Additionally, publication delays may be extended *one time* for a period of one, two, three, four, or five years.

Publication delays apply to ETDs in:

- OhioLINK and ProQuest/UMI ETD repositories: The document is uploaded in full text, but the abstract only is available online until the end of the delay period.

Publication delays do not apply to:

- Print theses: No publication delay is necessary for those filling print theses or dissertations, because hard copy theses or dissertations are not uploaded in full text to OhioLINK. The theses or dissertation abstract only appears online in OhioLINK for all hard copy print copies filed in the OU Library.

Deadline: The Publication Delay Form must be completed, signed, scanned and emailed, faxed or delivered to TAD Services by the semester deadline.

Effective date of the delay: The publication delay time period begins on the first day of the month following the month of graduation. **For a publication delay extension, this same form is required to be completed and signed 30 days before the publication delay time period expires.**

For additional information, contact:
Thesis and Dissertation (TAD) Services
220 Research and Technology Center
tad@ohio.edu
(740) 597-2770

Delayed Publication Request Form

Name of Student (print or type):

Semester of Graduation:

Year of Graduation:

For master and doctoral students, I am requesting an OhioLINK Publication delay

OhioLINK publication delay time period: 1 year 2 years 3 years 4 years 5 years

Publication delay requested: OhioLINK will release the Abstract after the degree is posted to my transcript and Thesis and Dissertation (TAD) Services releases the thesis or dissertation. OhioLINK will release the full text for distribution to the public at the end of the approved delay period. Once the thesis or dissertation is released, it cannot be recalled. (If a Publication delay is not requested: The full-text thesis or dissertation is available for free public access via OhioLINK at www.ohiolink.edu/etd. This means that the thesis or dissertation can be located online through a Google search and other.)

For doctoral students only, I am requesting a ProQuest/UMI Publication Delay

ProQuest/UMI publication delay time period: 1 year 2 years 3 years 4 years 5 years

Publication delay requested: ProQuest/UMI will release the Abstract after the degree is posted to my transcript and TAD Services releases the thesis or dissertation. ProQuest/UMI will release the first 24 pages to the public at the end of the approved delay period and will release the full-text thesis or dissertation to Ohio University patrons. (If Publication delay is not requested: ProQuest/UMI documents appear online approximately three months after graduation. The public has free online access to the first 24 pages and non-university patrons may purchase the full text through ProQuest's public database system. Ohio University Library patrons have free access to the full-text.)

Reason for delayed publication(s) request: (publication, patent, etc.)

Signature:

Date:

Please complete, print, sign and scan/email this form to tad@ohio.edu, fax to 740-593-4626 or drop off to TAD Services, Research and Technology Center 220 before the deadline for the semester.

Deadline dates are published here: www.ohio.edu/etd.