

Biology Department Graduation Deadlines for Graduate Students

August 2020

Students who miss the graduation deadlines for any given semester or term must register for at least 2 hours (of thesis or dissertation credit), or 1 hour if graduating in June, or pay the equivalent minimum registration fee, and will graduate the following semester.

Deadline	Requirement
June 26	Last day to apply for graduation online. Go to byu.edu > myBYU > School > Apply for Graduation.
July 6	Last day to submit thesis/dissertation draft to committee for review. [†] Also submit draft to graduate program manager for format review and originality check. [‡]
July 13	Last day to receive “Ready for Defense” approvals from committee on the online Graduate Progress system (GradProg): gradprogress.sim.byu.edu. Last day to schedule final defense.
July 20	Last day to hold final defense. [⌘]
July 27	Last day for any qualifications to be completed and to receive committee approvals on GradProg. Last day to upload ETD to GradProg.
August 7	Last day to receive all approvals for ETD. Last day to complete Survey of Earned Doctorates (PhD students only).

[†] Thesis/dissertation drafts must be submitted **at least 1 week before** scheduling the defense and **at least 2 weeks before** holding the defense. For example, if you’d like to hold your defense on July 17th, then your thesis/dissertation draft must be submitted by July 3rd.

[‡] The thesis/dissertation draft submitted to the graduate program manager should be in digital format and should include the correct formatting for the preliminary pages (title page, abstract, acknowledgments, table of contents, list of tables, and list of figures); refer to ADV Forms 11a, 11b/d, and 11c.

[⌘] Final defenses must be scheduled on GradProg **at least 1 week before** the defense. Example: If your defense was planned for July 15th, then it would need to be scheduled by July 8th. Contact the graduate program manager to schedule your defense. *Final defenses may not be held during the interim period between semesters or terms.*