

Biology Department Graduation Deadlines for Graduate Students 2020-2021

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.

Dec 2020	Apr 2021	June 2021	Aug 2021	
Oct 16	Jan 29	Mar 12* or May 7 [#]	Mar 12* or June 25 [#]	Last day to apply for graduation online. Go to byu.edu > myBYU > School > Apply for Graduation. *Walking in April graduation ceremonies [#] Not walking in April graduation ceremonies
Nov 9	Mar 8	May 14	July 5	Last day to submit thesis/dissertation draft to committee for review. [†] Also submit draft to graduate program manager for format review and originality check. [‡]
Nov 16	Mar 15	May 21	July 12	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.
Nov 23	Mar 22	May 28	July 19	Last day to hold final defense. [¤]
Nov 30	Mar 29	June 4	July 26	Last day for any qualifications to be completed and to receive committee approvals on GradProg. Last day to upload ETD to GradProg.
Dec 11	Apr 9	June 17	Aug 6	Last day to receive all approvals for ETD. Last day to complete Survey of Earned Doctorates (<i>PhD students only</i>).
None [§]	Apr 22	None [§]	None [§]	Graduation: University Commencement
None [§]	Apr 22-23	None [§]	None [§]	Graduation: College Convocations

[†] Thesis/dissertation drafts must be submitted to the committee **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 Nov. 18th, then your thesis/dissertation draft must be submitted by Nov. 4th.

[‡] 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 March 17th, then it would need to be scheduled by March 10th. Contact the graduate program manager to schedule your defense. *Final defenses may not be held during the interim period between semesters or terms.*

[§] December, June, and August graduates are invited to participate in April graduation exercises.