## **Biology Department Graduation Deadlines for Graduate Students 2021-2022**

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 2021	Apr 2022	June 2022	Aug 2022	
Oct 15	Jan 28	Mar 11* or May 6#	Mar 11* or June 24#	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 8	Mar 14	May 12	July 5	Last day to submit thesis/dissertation draft to committee for review. <sup>†</sup> Also submit draft to graduate program manager for format review and originality check. <sup>‡</sup>
Nov 15	Mar 21	May 19	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 22	Mar 28	May 26	July 19	Last day to hold final defense. <sup>#</sup>
Nov 29	Apr 4	June 2	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 10	Apr 18	June 16	Aug 8	Last day to receive all approvals for ETD. Last day to complete Survey of Earned Doctorates ( <i>PhD students only</i> ).
None <sup>§</sup>	Apr 22	None <sup>§</sup>	None <sup>§</sup>	Graduation: University Commencement
None <sup>§</sup>	Apr 21-22	None <sup>§</sup>	None <sup>§</sup>	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 checklists, sample pages, and templates found on GradProg and under Graduate Forms on biology.byu.edu.
- 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.