## Biology Department Graduation Deadlines for Graduate Students 2023-2024

*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.*

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<td>Sept 15</td>
<td>Last day to apply for graduation online. Go to byu.edu &gt; myBYU &gt; School &gt; Apply for Graduation.</td>
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| Nov 13     | Last day to submit thesis/dissertation draft to committee for review.  
*Walking in April graduation ceremonies*  
#Not walking in April graduation ceremonies |
| Nov 20     | 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 27     | Last day to hold final defense.  
†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. 17th, then your thesis/dissertation draft must be submitted by Nov. 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 checklists, sample pages, and templates found on GradProg and under the ETD section under Grad Student Resources on biology.byu.edu.  
§Final defenses must be scheduled on GradProg at least 1 week before the defense. Example: If your defense is planned for March 20th, then it would need to be scheduled by March 13th. 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. |
| Dec 4      | Last day for any qualifications to be completed and to receive committee approvals on GradProg. Last day to upload ETD to GradProg. |
| Dec 14     | Last day to receive all approvals for ETD. Last day to complete Survey of Earned Doctorates (PhD students only).  
| Dec 15     | Last day for final approval from Graduate Studies.  
| None§      | Graduation: University Commencement  
None§      | Graduation: College Convocations |
| Apr 8      | Last day to hold final defense.  
| Apr 15     | Last day for any qualifications to be completed and to receive committee approvals on GradProg. Last day to upload ETD to GradProg.  
| Apr 24     | Last day to receive all approvals for ETD. Last day to complete Survey of Earned Doctorates (PhD students only).  
| Apr 26     | Last day for final approval from Graduate Studies.  
| Apr 25     | Graduation: University Commencement  
| Apr 25-26  | Graduation: College Convocations |