

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.

Dec 2023	Apr 2024	June 2024	Aug 2024	
Sept 15	Jan 26	Mar 11* or May 3 [#]	Mar 11* or June 21 [#]	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 13	Mar 25	May 20	July 15	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 20	Apr 1	May 27	July 22	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	Apr 8	June 3	July 29	Last day to hold final defense. [ⓧ]
Dec 4	Apr 15	June 10	Aug 5	Last day for any qualifications to be completed and to receive committee approvals on GradProg. Last day to upload ETD to GradProg.
Dec 14	Apr 24	June 20	Aug 15	Last day to receive all approvals for ETD. Last day to complete Survey of Earned Doctorates (<i>PhD students only</i>).
Dec 15	Apr 26	June 21	Aug 16	Last day for final approval from Graduate Studies.
None [§]	Apr 25	None [§]	None [§]	Graduation: University Commencement
None [§]	Apr 25-26	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. 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.