

## 2015 Graduation Calendar

A candidate must be registered for the semester or summer term  
in which degree requirements are completed and during the preceding semester.

### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREE CANDIDATES

	<u>Deadline Dates for January 25, 2015</u>	<u>Deadline Dates for May 17, 2015</u>	<u>Deadline Dates for September 25, 2015</u>
<b>Dissertation Prospectus</b> due in GRS	April 4, 2014	October 3, 2014	February 6, 2015
<b>Diploma Application</b> due in GRS*	November 1, 2014	February 1, 2015	June 1, 2015
<b>First draft of dissertation</b> (to readers)	October 3, 2014	February 6, 2015	June 5, 2015
<b>Dissertation abstract (max. 350 words)</b> approved by department /program– due in GRS Office for review and approval by Dean	At least three weeks prior to Final Oral Exam	At least three weeks prior to Final Oral Exam	At least three weeks prior to Final Oral Exam
<b>Properly formatted draft of dissertation</b> submitted to <b>GRS Records Officer</b> ( <a href="mailto:grsrec@bu.edu">grsrec@bu.edu</a> ) for format review by GRS	Submitted by e-mail at least three weeks prior to Final Oral Exam	Submitted by e-mail at least three weeks prior to Final Oral Exam	Submitted by e-mail at least three weeks prior to Final Oral Exam
<b>Schedule of Final Oral Examination</b> (arranged by department/program) due in GRS with two copies of the approved abstract	At least two weeks prior to Final Oral Exam	At least two weeks prior to Final Oral Exam	At least two weeks prior to Final Oral Exam
<b>Last date to hold Final Oral Exam</b> N.B. The deadline for submission of the dissertation is the same date (See item below)	December 12, 2014	April 10, 2015	August 14, 2015
<b>Final reader-approved dissertation</b> submitted to <b>ETD Administrator</b> ( <a href="http://www.etsadmin.com/bu">http://www.etsadmin.com/bu</a> ) for final approval by GRS <b>on or before this date**</b>	December 12, 2014 Submitted electronically	April 10, 2015 Submitted electronically	August 14, 2015 Submitted electronically
<b>Documentation of Readers' Approval</b> submitted to the Graduate School Office <b>on or before this date</b>	December 12, 2014	April 10, 2015	August 14, 2015

### MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

	<u>Deadline Dates for January 25, 2015</u>	<u>Deadline Dates for May 17, 2015</u>	<u>Deadline Dates for September 25, 2015</u>
<b>Thesis Title Approval Form</b> due in GRS	May 3, 2014	November 7, 2014	April 3, 2015
<b>Diploma Application</b> due in GRS*	November 1, 2014	February 1, 2015	June 1, 2015
<b>First draft of thesis</b> (to readers)	October 3, 2014	March 6, 2015	July 3, 2015
<b>Properly formatted draft of thesis</b> submitted to <b>GRS Asst. Records Officer</b> ( <a href="mailto:jcaruso@bu.edu">jcaruso@bu.edu</a> ) for format review by GRS	Submitted by e-mail at least three weeks before December 12, 2014	Submitted by e-mail at least three weeks before April 10, 2015	Submitted by e-mail at least three weeks before August 14, 2015
<b>Final reader-approved thesis</b> submitted to <b>ETD Administrator</b> ( <a href="http://www.etsadmin.com/bu">http://www.etsadmin.com/bu</a> ) for final approval by GRS <b>on or before this date.**</b>	December 12, 2014 Submitted electronically	April 10, 2015 Submitted electronically	August 14, 2015 Submitted electronically
<b>Documentation of Readers' Approval</b> submitted to the Graduate School Office <b>on or before this date.</b>	December 12, 2014	April 10, 2015	August 14, 2015

\* The diploma application is valid only for the graduation date specified; a new application must be filed if the student does not graduate as planned.

\*\* All degree requirements are complete only when the master's thesis or doctoral dissertation has been certified as meeting the standards of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and of the Mugar Memorial Library.

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