

GRS Ph.D. Graduation Deadlines (with Biology Program deadlines)

*All degree requirements are complete only when the doctoral dissertation has been certified as meeting the standards of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and of the Mugar Memorial Library. * August 2024 graduation dates are tentative. Please check the GRS website for the most current dates.*

GRADUATION DEADLINES FOR:	JANUARY 12, 2024	MAY 19, 2024	AUGUST 25, 2024
Last date to hold Final Oral Exam (Defense)	December 1, 2023	April 12, 2024	July 12, 2024*
Last date to submit dissertation to ETD	December 8, 2023	April 19, 2024	July 19, 2024*
Last date to submit dissertation to ETD for graduation in the next semester without registering for that semester	January 8, 2024	May 6, 2024	August 5, 2024*

9 - 12 months before proposed graduation date	Dissertation Prospectus & approval form due to Graduate Program Specialist for departmental review and submission to GRS
Semester prior to your intended graduation cycle	Intent to Graduate Form Completed online
About 2 months before dissertation defense	Meet with Graduate Program Specialist, DGS, and Faculty Advisor to review requirements for defense Arrange for Special Service Appointments if committee members are not BU faculty Send first draft of dissertation to readers
Once defense date is confirmed with committee	Reserve room(s) for public seminar and defense
At least three weeks prior to dissertation defense	Schedule of Final Oral Exam with Abstract Approval due to Graduate Program Specialist Properly formatted draft of dissertation submitted as .pdf to grsrec@bu.edu
At least two weeks prior to dissertation defense	Send dissertation to all committee members
At least one week prior to dissertation defense	Send booklet to Graduate Program Specialist
See above for final dates to submit dissertation to ETD	Submit final dissertation to ETD (online submission) Email a copy of dissertation and signature page to Graduate Program Specialist