

## GRS Ph.D. Graduation Deadlines (with MCBB 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 |
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| 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* |

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| 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 and Faculty Advisor to review requirements for defense<br>Arrange for Special Service Appointments if committee members are not BU faculty<br>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<br>Properly formatted draft of dissertation submitted as .pdf to <a href="mailto:grsrec@bu.edu">grsrec@bu.edu</a>                         |
| 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)<br>Email a copy of dissertation and signature page to Graduate Program Specialist  |