

MIT-WHOI Joint Program

Thesis Due Dates for 2020

Degree List	Degree	Defendable Draft Due Date**	Recommended Final Defense Date	Final Thesis Due Date*
February '20	Doctoral:	Friday, Dec. 13 or Friday, Dec. 6	Friday, Dec. 27	Friday, Jan. 10
	Masters:			Friday, Jan. 17
May '20	Doctoral:	Friday, April 3 or Friday, March 27	Friday, April 17	Friday, May 1
	Masters:			Friday, May 8
September '20	Doctoral:	Friday, July 10 or Friday, July 3	Friday, July 24	Friday, Aug. 7
	Masters:			Friday, Aug. 7

* These are the official MIT deadlines as posted in the Academic Calendar. **You must check with your MIT department for their due date - it may vary.**

For Doctoral degrees, it is recommended that your defense take place at least two weeks prior to the final due date.

**Your defendable draft is due at the WHOI Academic Programs Office and your MIT Department (*MIT Biology does not need a defendable draft*):

- two weeks prior to your defense for students guided by the following Joint Committees: *Applied Ocean Science and Engineering, Biology, Chemical Oceanography*, (for a total of four weeks prior to the final deadline).
- three weeks prior to your defense for students guided by the following Joint Committees: *Marine Geology and Geophysics, Physical Oceanography* (for a total of five weeks prior to the final deadline).

Graduation Celebrations

Thursday, May 28	MIT Doctoral Hooding
Friday, May 29	Commencement at MIT
Saturday, May 30	Commencement at WHOI