

MIT-WHOI Joint Program

Thesis Due Dates for 2021

Degree List	Degree	Defendable Draft Due Date**	Recommended Final Defense Date	Final Thesis Due Date*
February '21	Doctoral:	Wednesday, Dec. 9 or Wed., Dec. 2	Wednesday, Dec. 23	Friday, Jan. 8
	Masters:			Friday, Jan. 15
May '21	Doctoral:	Friday, April 2 or Friday, March 26	Friday, April 16	Friday, April 30
	Masters:			Friday, May 7
September '21	Doctoral:	Friday, July 9 or Friday, July 2	Friday, July 23	Friday, Aug. 6
	Masters:			Friday, Aug. 6

* 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).

Tentative Graduation Celebrations

Thursday, May 27	MIT Doctoral Hooding
Friday, May 28	Commencement at MIT
Wed. May 26 or Sat. May 29	Grad Reception or Commencement at WHOI