

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 9 or Friday, April 2	Friday, April 23	Friday, May 7
	Masters:			Friday, May 14
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).

Graduation Celebrations

Wednesday, June 2	Grad Celebration at WHOI
Thursday, June 3	MIT Doctoral Hooding (waiting for confirmation)
Friday, June 4	Commencement at MIT (waiting for confirmation)