

MIT-WHOI Joint Program

Thesis Due Dates for 2024-2025

Degree List	Degree	Defendable Draft Due Date**	Recommended Final Defense Date	Final Thesis Due Date*
September '24	Doctoral (AOSE, Bio, ChemOce):	Friday, July 12	Friday, July 26	Friday, August 9
	Doctoral (PO, MGG):	Friday, July 5	Friday, July 26	Friday, August 9
	Masters:			Friday, August 9
February '25	Doctoral (AOSE, Bio, ChemOce):	Friday, Dec 13	Friday, Dec 27	Friday, Jan 10
	Doctoral (PO, MGG):	Friday, Dec 6	Friday, Dec 27	Friday, Jan 10
	Masters:			Friday, Jan 17
June '25	Doctoral (AOSE, Bio, ChemOce):	Friday, April 4	Friday, April 18	Friday, May 2
	Doctoral (PO, MGG):	Friday, March 28	Friday, April 18	Friday, May 2
	Masters:			Friday, May 9

* 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, Biological Oceanography, 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).