

2020-2021 March Degree Deadlines

		A DAC Report stating that you have the permission to write your dissertation must be on file with DMS
		Packet Meeting with DMS Students must sign up for a packet meeting through this Calendly link: https://calendly.com/dms-4/packet-meeting-1 . In this meeting we will go over the steps, forms and guidelines for finishing up your degree
	December 1, 2020	Online Degree Application deadline for March Degrees. Apply through your "My Program" on my.Harvard.edu. You must also provide a completion code for the GSAS Exit Survey within the application. Detailed instructions on how to apply can be found in the Knowledge Center. The application typically opens 2 weeks before deadline.
	4 weeks before the defense or earlier	 Forms Due to the DMS Office: (dmsphddefense@hms.harvard.edu) Program Approval Form: Obtain Dissertation Advisor 's & Program Head's signatures; DMS will obtain the Vice Chairman's signature. Proposed Examiners Form: Obtain Program Head's & Advisor's signatures, DMS will obtain Chair's signature. Dissertation Examination Information Sheet Post-Graduation Information Sheet Dissertation Abstract & Title Page: must be emailed as one Word document.
	16 days before the defense or earlier	Dissertation Review Meeting with DMS Students must sign up for a dissertation review meeting through this Calendly link:: https://calendly.com/dms-4/dissertationreview . In this meeting we will check your meets GSAS formatting requirements, review final steps of submitting the dissertation, and answer questions about the defense itself.
	14 days before the defense	Deliver dissertation to the examination committee Please reach out to the committee members well in advance to see if they prefer an electronic or physical version.
	January 10, 2021	Examination must not be any later than this date.
	January 19, 2021	Online submission of Final Dissertation due to the Registrar's Office Submit your dissertation to ProQuest ETD (under the Medical Sciences Department/Program) as well as complete the mandatory surveys found at this website: http://www.registrar.fas.harvard.edu/registration-enrollment-degrees/graduation-diplomas/phd-dissertation-submission .
	March 2, 2021	Degree Conferral Date

http://dms.hms.harvard.edu/Current%20Students/dissertation.html

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