

MIT/WHOI Joint Program

Thesis Due Dates for 2009*

Degree List	Degree	Defendable Draft Due Date***	Recommended Final Defense Date	Final Thesis Due Date
February	Doctoral:**	Friday, December 12	Friday, December 26	Friday, January 9
	Masters:			Friday, January 16
June	Doctoral:**	Friday, April 3	Friday, April 17	Friday, May 1
	Masters:			Friday, May 8
September	Doctoral:**	Friday, July 10	Friday, July 24	Friday, August 7
	Masters:			Friday, August 7

* These are the official MIT deadlines as posted in the Academic Calendar; check with your MIT department for their due date as it may vary from these dates.

** 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: *Chemical Oceanography, Applied Ocean Science and Engineering, Biology* (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 3

Thursday, June 4

Friday, June 5

WHOI Graduate Reception

MIT Doctoral Hooding

Commencement at MIT