# 2020-2021 March Degree Deadlines

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<td>April 1, 2020</td>
<td>A DAC Report stating that you have the permission to write your dissertation must be on file with DMS</td>
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| December 1, 2020            | 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 November 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: (Samantha Reed - samantha_reed@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 ETDs (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 |