### 2020-2021 March Degree Deadlines

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<td>December 1, 2020</td>
<td>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.</td>
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| 4 weeks before the defense or earlier | Forms Due to the DMS Office: ([dmsphddefense@hms.harvard.edu](mailto: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](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](http://www.proquest.com) (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](http://www.registrar.fas.harvard.edu/registration-enrollment-degrees/graduation-diplomas/phd-dissertation-submission). |
| March 2, 2021         | Degree Conferral Date |