

**DEADLINES FOR THESE AND DISSERTATIONS**

Revised 4/2009

Anticipated Graduation Semester	Spring 2009	Summer 2009			Fall 2009	Spring 2010	Summer 2010			Fall 2010	Spring 2011	Summer 2011	Fall 2011
		Summer Term A	Summer Term B	Summer Term C			Summer Term A	Summer Term B	Summer Term C				

**Important Dates: DOCTORAL STUDENTS**

Last day to submit form D-1	10/5/2007	2/6/2008	6/6/2008	10/3/2008	2/23/2009	6/5/2009	10/2/2009	2/23/2010	6/4/2010
Last day to submit form D-3	3/14/2008	7/11/2008	11/6/2008	3/13/2009	7/9/2009	11/6/2009	3/12/2010	7/9/2010	*
Last day to submit form D-5	3/5/2009	6/25/2009	10/23/2009	3/5/2010	6/25/2010	*	*	*	*
Last day to hold the defense	3/26/2009	7/16/2009	11/13/2009	3/26/2010	7/16/2010	*	*	*	*
Last day to submit form D-7 and final copy	4/16/2009	8/7/2009	12/4/2009	4/16/2010	8/6/2010	*	*	*	*

**Important Dates: MASTER'S STUDENTS**

Last day to submit form M-1	6/6/2008	10/3/2008	2/23/2009	6/5/2009	10/2/2009	2/23/2010	6/4/2010	*	*
Last day to submit form M-2	11/6/2008	3/13/2009	7/9/2009	11/6/2009	3/12/2010	7/9/2010	*	*	*
Last day to submit form M-3	3/5/2009	6/25/2009	10/23/2009	3/5/2010	6/25/2010	*	*	*	*
Last day to hold the defense	3/26/2009	7/16/2009	11/13/2009	3/26/2010	7/16/2010	*	*	*	*
Last day to submit form M-5 and final copy	4/16/2009	8/7/2009	12/4/2009	4/16/2010	8/6/2010	*	*	*	*

**Other Important Dates: FIU**

Classes begin	1/5/2009	5/4/2009	6/24/2009	5/4/2009	8/24/2009	1/4/2010	5/3/2010	6/23/2010	5/3/2010	8/23/2010	*	*	*
Drop/Add period ends	1/12/2009	5/11/2009	7/1/2009	5/11/2009	9/1/2009	1/11/2010	5/10/2010	6/30/2010	5/10/2010	*	*	*	*
Last day to pay tuition fees and avoid cancellation of enrollment	<b>Online:</b> 1/2/2009	5/1/2009	6/23/2009	5/1/2009	8/19/2009	1/2/2010	4/30/2010	6/22/2010	4/30/2010	*	*	*	*
	<b>In-Person:</b> 12/31/2008									*	*	*	*
Last day to drop a course with a DR grade	2/27/2009	5/27/2009	7/17/2009	6/23/2009	10/16/2009	2/26/2010	5/26/2010	7/16/2010	6/22/2010	*	*	*	*
Final Week of the Semester	4/20/2009 - 4/25/2009	6/15/2009 - 6/18/2009	8/3/2009 - 8/8/2009	8/3/2009 - 8/8/2009	12/7/2009 - 12/12/2009	4/19/2010 - 4/24/2010	6/14/2010 - 6/17/2010	8/2/2010 - 8/7/2010	8/2/2010 - 8/7/2010	*	*	*	*
Commencement Exercises Begin	4/27/2009	**	**	**	12/14/2009	4/26/2010	**	**	**	*	*	**	**
Last day to apply for graduation	2/9/2009	5/22/2009	5/22/2009	5/22/2009	9/18/2009	2/8/2010	5/21/2010	5/21/2010	5/21/2010	*	*	*	*

\* = to be determined

\*\* = not applicable

**FOOTNOTES:**

- These are the dates forms are due IN the University Graduate School. Submit forms to the Academic units at an earlier date to allow sufficient time for approval and signature. Ultimately, it is the student's responsibility to make sure forms are received by the University Graduate School on time.
- All defenses must be held no earlier than the first Friday and no later than the last Friday in a given semester. For Spring 2009, the earliest date would be 1/9/09; For Summer 2009, the earliest date would be 5/8/09; For Fall 2009, the earliest date would be 8/28/09; For Spring 2010, the earliest date would be 1/8/10; For Summer 2010, the earliest date would be 5/7/10; For Fall 2010, the earliest date would be 8/27/10.
- FORM D-1 should be submitted by doctoral students as soon as the dissertation committee has been formed. FORM D-1 should typically be submitted one semester before FORM D-3 but no later than the deadline: FOUR semesters before the anticipated graduation term.
- FORM D-3 should be submitted by doctoral students as soon as the dissertation proposal has been developed and approved by the dissertation committee. This should be early in the dissertation process to allow maximum dissertation committee input. Form D-3 should typically be submitted within a semester after FORM D-2 but no later than the deadline: THREE semesters before the anticipated graduation term.
- FORM M-1 should be submitted by master's students as soon as the thesis committee has been formed. FORM M-1 should typically be submitted one semester before FORM M-2 but no later than the deadline: TWO semesters before the anticipated graduation term.
- FORM M-2 should be submitted by master's students no later than the deadline: ONE semester before the anticipated graduation term.
- FORMS D-5 (doctoral students) and M-3 (master's students) must be submitted to the University Graduate School at least 3 weeks before the date of the defense or by the deadline (whichever date is earlier).

**Important information:**

- Doctoral students: Submit FORM D-2 as soon as candidacy examination's results are available. Students will be allowed to register for dissertation credits AFTER submitting FORM D-2 to the University Graduate School.
- FORMS D-4 should be submitted by doctoral students to the University Graduate School for the first time within a year after FORM D-3 and at least yearly thereafter until the dissertation is completed.
- FORMS D-6 and M-4 should be submitted to the University Graduate School no later than 2 weeks after the date of defense.