



2010 Graduation Calendar

A candidate must be registered for the semester or summer term in which degree requirements are completed and during the preceding semester.

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREE CANDIDATES

	<u>January 25, 2010 Award</u>	<u>May 16, 2010 Award</u>
Dissertation Prospectus due in the Graduate School Office (GRS)	April 3, 2009	October 2, 2009
Diploma Application due in GRS*	November 1, 2009	February 1, 2010
First draft of dissertation (submitted to readers)	October 2, 2009	February 5, 2010
Dissertation abstract (max. 350 words) approved by department – due in GRS Office for review and approval by the Dean	At least three weeks prior to Final Oral Exam	At least three weeks prior to Final Oral Exam
Schedule of Final Oral Examination (to be arranged by department) due in GRS with fourteen copies of approved abstract	Two weeks prior to Final Oral Exam	Two weeks prior to Final Oral Exam
Last date to hold Final Oral Exam N.B. The deadline for submission of the dissertation is the same date. (See item below.)	December 18, 2009	April 16, 2010
Approved and signed dissertation (2 copies due in GRS on or before this date)**	December 18, 2009	April 16, 2010

** Prior to the dissertation defense, the candidate must schedule an appointment with the Records Officer for review of the dissertation format. All PhD degree requirements are complete only when both copies of the dissertation have been certified as meeting the standards of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and of the Mugar Memorial Library.

MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE CANDIDATES

	<u>January 25, 2010 Award</u>	<u>May 17, 2010 Award</u>	<u>September 25, 2010 Award</u>
Thesis Title Approval Card due in Graduate School Office	May 1, 2009	November 6, 2009	April 2, 2010
Diploma Application due in GRS*	November 1, 2009	February 1, 2010	July 1, 2010
First draft of thesis (submitted to readers)	October 2, 2009	March 5, 2010	July 2, 2010
Approved and signed thesis (2 copies due in GRS on or before this date)***	December 18, 2009	April 16, 2010	August 20, 2010

* The diploma application is valid only for the graduation date specified; a new application must be filed if the student does not graduate as planned.

*** Prior to the signing of the thesis, the candidate must schedule an appointment with the Records Officer for review of the thesis format. All Master's degree requirements are complete only when both copies of the thesis have been certified as meeting the standards of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and of the Mugar Memorial Library.