TO: Master’s Candidates for September 2015 Graduation

FROM: Millie Agosto, GMS Registrar

RE: Completion of Degree Requirements

DATE: June 2015

The GMS faculty and staff would like to congratulate you on your pending completion of your Master’s degree program. This memo provides you with a list of items you must check-off to complete the degree requirements. Please do not hesitate to contact our office with any questions you may have.

COMPLETION OF DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:

- It is the student’s responsibility to meet with their Advisor and check on student link or degree advice that all degree requirements have been fulfilled. Missing requirements and/or incomplete grades must be corrected prior to submission of the Thesis.
- Please visit the GMS website for all the necessary forms and program completion guidelines.
- FOR MS in Medical Science students only - Students completing a research-based thesis are eligible to receive a grade and must submit the Thesis Agreement Form prior to thesis format review. A letter of recommendation by their primary thesis mentor MUST be submitted at the time of the final Thesis submission.

1. DISSERTATION WRITING /REVIEW AND FINAL SUBMISSION:

   - All students should use the Master’s Thesis Pre-page Template and follow the submission guidelines on the Research, Thesis and Dissertation Information page on the GMS website.
   - All students should check with both their First and Second Readers to determine when they would like to receive the thesis for content review. Typically, this date is approximately one month before the thesis submission deadline.

   - Thesis format review will begin July 14, 2015 and be ongoing through August 2nd.

2. THESIS FORMAT REVIEW BY THE REGISTRAR:

   - Please email an electronic copy of your completed Thesis in word format to GMSThesis@bu.edu Label with Last name, First name, BU ID #.
   - After your thesis has been reviewed you will receive the corrections via email. This usually takes 2-4 days.
3. **THESIS SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:**

- Following corrections and revision of your Thesis submit the final approved thesis electronically as a PDF to the ETD Administrator, [http://www.etdadmin.com/bu](http://www.etdadmin.com/bu). Be sure to review the final PDF to make sure it was converted properly and label with Last name, First name, BU ID #.
  - ETD Video Tutorials are available to assist you in the electronic submission process ([http://www.bu.edu/buniverse/search/?q=dioa&submit](http://www.bu.edu/buniverse/search/?q=dioa&submit))
  - You must submit the final Thesis “PDF” via the ETD administrator, prior to submitting the original approval pages and money order to GMS
- Students living outside of the Boston area should contact Ms. Millie Agosto to make arrangements for thesis review and final paper work submission.

- **Submission of final paperwork to GMS Registrar is as follows:**
  - **DATES:**
    - July 21, 2015 – July 24, 2015, by Appointment Only
      - Contact: Millie Agosto [millie@bu.edu](mailto:millie@bu.edu)
    - July 27, 2015 – August 3, 2015, from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM walk-ins, Room L 309.
  - **REQUIRED PAPERWORK:**
    - Submit to the GMS Registrar the following pages as they appear in the final version of the Thesis submitted to the ETD Administrator.
      - Submit 2 copies of the Thesis Title Page
      - Submit 2 copies of the Approval Pages with original signatures. (Neither a proxy nor another faculty member may sign for readers.)
      - Submit 1 copy of the Abstract
      - Submit the Processing Fee of $25: MONEY ORDER from the United States Post Office or (bank – without expiration date) made payable to Boston University.
      - Delayed Circulation: Most Master’s students do not request delayed circulation however if desired (due to special circumstances such as a pending patent) a request may be made by submitting a letter to the Associate Provost. A sample letter is available on the Research Guide for Writers of Theses/Dissertations and the student forms page and must be signed by you and your primary reader. Signature from the GMS Provost (Dr. Linda Hyman) will be obtained by the GMS Registrar.
  - **ADDITIONAL NOTES:**
    - M.A./M.S. in Medical Sciences students completing a research-based Thesis for a grade should have previously submitted the Thesis Agreement Form. In order for the Thesis to be reviewed for a grade, students **MUST** submit a letter of recommendation from the primary Thesis mentor (even if the reader is not GMS faculty) when submitting the final thesis. Thesis grades will not be posted to your transcript until September 25, 2015.
    - Please allow yourself reasonable time on the day of submission for completion of paper work and any last minute corrections.
Please contact the GMS Registrar, Ms. Millie Agosto (millie@bu.edu) immediately in the event that you may be having problems meeting the deadlines for the completion of your degree.

If GMS or Mugar Library notifies you of necessary Thesis corrections or changes, you must complete them immediately. A quick response will avoid your need to register for another semester, or lead to a delay in verifying the completion of your degree requirements, and the issuing of the diploma. It can take 4-6 weeks before the final library review is complete.

Please notify the GMS Registrar as soon as possible if you will be postponing graduation as a new diploma application will need to be submitted for your future graduation date. Student must register continuing study each semester until completion of all degree requirements are completed including submission of Thesis.

4. DIPLOMA INFORMATION AND COMMENCEMENT:

- You should update your diploma information on Student Link and review the data provided on the Personal Tab, Directory Information option. If you wish to have your information listed on the GMS Commencement program, please remove any restrictions you may have via the Student Link.

- The GMS Commencement is held once a year and will be held on May 13, 2016. Information will be available on the GMS website in March 2016. Additional details will be sent via your BU email.

*Best wishes as you progress towards the completion of your degree requirements.*

*If you have already achieved this goal, Congratulations!*