TO: Master’s Candidates for September 2016 Graduation
FROM: Millie Agosto, GMS Registrar
RE: Completion of Degree Requirements
DATE: June 13, 2016

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 Students Page 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. THESIS 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 (under Students). Please review tutorials to assist with pagination and electronic table of contents questions - http://www.bu.edu/buniverse/search/?q=dioa&submit.
- 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.
2. **Thesis Format Review by the GMS Registrar:**

- Thesis format review will begin July 11, 2016 - until August 2, 2016.
- **Email** an electronic copy of your completed approved 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:**

- Prior to submitting the final paperwork and following corrections and revision of your Thesis, submit the final approved thesis electronically as a PDF to the ETD Administrator, (http://www.etdadmin.com). Be sure to review the final PDF to make sure it was converted properly. Prior to submission of the final paperwork.
  - ETD Video Tutorials are available to assist you in the electronic submission process (http://www.bu.edu/buniverse/search/?q=dioa&submit)
  - You must submit the final Thesis “PDF” via the ETD administrator, prior to submitting the final approval signature pages and final paper work to GMS.
  - **NOTE:** If you are completing your Thesis out of state, final paperwork (title page, abstract and reader approval pages) will need to be submitted via FEDEX. Make arrangements with your reader(s) to come to the GMS office to sign the Approval Pages in advance of the deadline.
  - Students living outside of the Boston area will need to make arrangements to submit by the deadline.

- **Thesis Paperwork Submission**
  - **Dates**
    - July 18, 2016 – July 21, 2016 - by Appointment Only
      - Contact: Millie Agosto millie@bu.edu
    - July 25, 2016 – August 3, 2016, from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
      - Walk-ins, Room L 309
  - **Payment:** Master’s Thesis Processing Fee $25.00 - Submit processing fee using a credit card - (select - Division of Graduate Medical Sciences).
  - **Submit Final Paperwork to GMS Registrar:**
    - Submit 2 copies of the Thesis Title Page, as it appears in the final version of your thesis.
    - Submit 2 copies of the Approval Pages with **original signatures.** (Neither a proxy nor another faculty member may sign for readers.) on regular paper
    - Submit 1 copy of the Abstract.
    - 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 requesting circulation restriction is available on the Research, Thesis, Capstone and Dissertation Information page and must be signed by you and your
primary reader. Signature from the GMS Provost, will be obtained by the GMS Registrar.

- **ADDITIONAL NOTES:**
  - 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.
  - 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, 2016.
  - 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.

- May 2017 GMS Commencement information will be available on the GMS website. 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!*