

# BUSM - GRADUATE MEDICAL SCIENCES

## 2021 GRADUATION CALENDAR M.A. AND M.S. DEGREE CANDIDATES

*Students may not submit thesis or attend Commencement ceremony, unless a [diploma application](#) has been submitted by the appropriate deadline!*

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1. A candidate must be registered for the semester in which the degree requirements are completed and during the preceding semester.
2. Candidates must adhere to the guidelines as stipulated in the [Guide for Writers of Thesis and Dissertations](#), published by the Mugar Memorial Library. Additional Information on the GMS website: [Research, Thesis, Capstone and Dissertation Information](#).
3. **NOTE:** M.A or M.S. degree students who are not required to complete a thesis MUST submit a **Diploma Application** in order to be considered for graduation.
4. **Submit [Special Service Appointment Form](#) with reader c.v., for any reader who is not listed on the: [GMS FACULTY PAGE](#).**
5. The following information and deadlines apply to students who anticipate receiving their MA or MS degree at one of the following graduation cycles. Department/programs may impose additional deadlines.
6. The diploma application is valid only for the graduation date specified; a new application must be submitted if the student does not graduate as planned.

***ALL FORMS can be found on the [GMS Student Forms](#) – GMS website***

	<u>January 2021 Award</u>	<u>May 2021 Award</u>	<u>September 2021 Award</u>
Thesis Title Approval Form (Dates are flexible over a two week period)	July 1, 2020	October 26, 2020	February 1, 2021
*Diploma Application	October 1, 2020	January 4, 2021	May 19, 2021
First draft of thesis (suggested date to submit to readers)	October 5, 2020	February 1, 2021	June 1, 2021
Thesis Format Reviewed (Email will be sent with actual dates)	TBA	TBA	TBA
***Approved and signed thesis	December 7, 2020	April 1, 2021	August 5, 2021

**\*\*\*An information email will be sent by the GMS Registrar regarding thesis format review and deadlines. Submit an electronic copy of the full thesis in WORD format to [GMSThesis@bu.edu](mailto:GMSThesis@bu.edu), according to set deadlines.**

**All M.A. and M.S. degree requirements are complete only when the final thesis has been certified as meeting the standards of GMS and of the Mugar Memorial Library.**