

**BU Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine  
GRADUATE MEDICAL SCIENCES**

**2024 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!*

**NOTE: click on links**

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 is available 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 [Diploma Application](#) in order to be considered for graduation.
4. **Submit a [Special Service Appointment Form](#) with reader C.V., for any reader who is not listed on the [GMS FACULTY](#) webpage.**
5. The following information and deadlines apply to students who anticipate receiving their M.A. or M.S. degree at one of the following graduation cycles. Departments/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.

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

	<u>January 2024 Award</u>	<u>May 2024 Award</u>	<u>August 2024 Award</u>
<b>Thesis Title Approval Form</b> (Dates are flexible over a two week period) Capstone forms, Track forms, & Practicum: Contact Program Director for specific program deadlines.	July 3, 2023	October 25, 2023	February 2, 2024
<b>SUBMIT Diploma Application by</b>	<b>September 18, 2023</b>	<b>January 2, 2024</b>	<b>May 1, 2024</b>
<i>August completion of degree: If eligible to attend GMS commencement ceremony, submit diploma application by January 2, 2024</i>			
<b>First Draft of Thesis</b> (Contact readers for specific dates)	October 4, 2023	February 1, 2024	May 10, 2024
<b>Thesis Format Review Begins</b> (An email will be sent with specific dates)	<b>November 1, 2023</b>	<b>February 26, 2024</b>	<b>June 12, 2024</b>
<b>*Approved and Signed Thesis</b>	<b>December 6, 2023</b>	<b>April 2, 2024</b>	<b>July 12, 2024</b>

GMS Registrar will send email instructions on thesis format review and deadlines approximately one month prior to the start of the thesis format review. After all readers approve thesis submit an electronic copy of the full thesis in WORD format to [GMSThesis@bu.edu](mailto:GMSThesis@bu.edu), by the 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.