

17. THU Spring 2020

Important Thesis Dates and Deadlines

1. Thesis specifications can be found at: <http://libraries.mit.edu/archives/thesis-specs/>
2. **Friday February 14th:**
 - a. All thesis supervisor and second reader forms must be signed and turned in to the Undergraduate Office
 - b. Continue to turn in chapters/pieces to your thesis advisor for comments
3. **Friday March 6th:**
 - a. Optional lunch meeting for students.
 - b. Between now and spring break: continue sending in chapters/pieces of thesis to the thesis supervisor, receiving comments back, making changes based on comments.
4. **Friday March 20th:**
 - a. More than half of your thesis work should be turned in to your advisor by this point.
 - b. You should have received comments from your advisor/should be working on revisions at this point.
5. **Friday April 10th**
 - a. Full draft of thesis is due to your thesis advisor and second reader. At this time, you will make changes on your thesis based on both your supervisor and the second reader.
6. **Between April 21-May 8:** Defense of thesis
 - a. You will schedule a presentation of your efforts to the members of the department. Please see Kate Hoss to schedule a room for your defense after finding an acceptable time for your committee members.
 - b. You will receive final comments on your thesis from both your advisor and second reader.
 - c. After a discussion with your thesis advisor, you will want to make some changes based on comments from others at your presentation.
7. **Friday May 8th:** Institute Deadline for Theses (Non-Doctoral)
8. **Friday May 15th:** Political Science Thesis Deadline
 - a. **If you miss this deadline you will not be cleared for graduation.**
 - b. Your thesis must be polished, signed by both readers, and submitted as a PDF to Kate Hoss at hoss@mit.edu. PDF must include the signed cover pages.
 - c. A second copy of your thesis should be given to your thesis advisor.