Deadline: Deadlines for MS/PhD Theses and Dissertations

INITIAL SUBMISSIONS:
By 11:59 PM (EST/EDT) on the dates below, you must submit a copy of your defended and revised thesis/dissertation, approved in full for content by your program, to the Office of Graduate Studies (OGS) via the UMass Boston/ProQuest/UMI ETD website.

- August 1 for an August degree date (Master’s Degree only)
- December 1 for a December degree date
- April 10 for a May degree date

MS STUDENTS:
- Students who pursue MS Thesis (CS699) must find a CS Faculty member to be their MS Thesis advisor.
- Instead of taking the Capstone Requirement: CS680, CS681, and CS682. Students will replace these courses and take CS696 Independent Study (Start of MS Thesis Project), MS Thesis CS699 (End of MS Thesis Project and then Defend) and 1 Applied Elective. to complete the course and credit requirement.
- To complete the course requirement: 2 Theory elective, 6 Applied elective, 1 CS696, 1 CS699.
- CS696 must be taken before CS699 MS Thesis. MS Thesis will be taken in the final semester.
- Students will need to defend in their last semester before deadline.
  - They must meet with their MS thesis advisor to discuss date and time to defend.
  - Once a date and time has been established, students must fill out the event form to make a request for a room and food. Also, follow flyer distribution instructions.
    - The office staff must be informed 2-3 weeks in advance as they have to look for a room and order food for your event.

PHD STUDENT:
- After passing the Qualifying Exam, PhD students will need to form a committee and view the Graduate Studies policies.
- Students will need to defend before semester deadline and can only defend in Spring or Fall, not summer.
  - They must meet with their Dissertation advisor to discuss date and time to defend.
  - Once a date and time has been established, students must fill out the event form to make a request for a room and food. Also, follow flyer distribution instructions.
    - The office staff must be informed 2-3 weeks in advance as they have to look for a room and order food for your event.