

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY
GRADUATE SCHOOL IMPORTANT DATES and DEADLINES for COMPLETION OF DEGREE
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	December Degree Completion 2008	May Degree Completion 2009	August Degree Completion 2009
GRADUATION			
Plan of Study due in Graduate School	September 3, 2008	January 21, 2009	May 12, 2009
Application for Completion of Degree or Certificate and \$30.00 fee due Note: Applications for students who fail to meet completion requirements for a specific session are cancelled, and students must reapply for a later session. Reapply by visiting or phoning Graduate School.	September 3, 2008	January 21, 2009	January 21, 2009 For students intending to march in May May 12, 2009 if not marching
Incomplete grades from previous semesters must be completed and grades submitted to Academic Records.	December 12, 2008	May 8, 2009	August 7, 2009
THESIS/DISSERTATION			
It is strongly suggested that all thesis/dissertation proposals involving living human, animal subjects or biosafety issues be submitted early <u>in the semester prior to anticipated graduation</u> in order to be reviewed by IRB/IACUC/IBC and assigned a protocol number.	Submit early in the semester prior to anticipated degree completion	Submit early in the semester prior to anticipated degree completion	Submit early in the semester prior to anticipated degree completion
Continuous Registration - All students for whom continuous registration applies (thesis/dissertation audit hour) must notify Graduate School to initiate registration.	August 17, 2008	January 12, 2009	May 17, 2009
Thesis/Dissertation Proposal Approval Form – For all students completing degree, proposal form with protocol number (if applicable) due in Graduate School.	September 3, 2008	January 21, 2009	May 12, 2009
Format Check Deadline – Last possible date to deposit Thesis/Dissertation in Graduate School for format check for degree completion.	November 17, 2008	April 13, 2009	July 13, 2009
7 Days Before Oral Defense – After being tentatively accepted by the Graduate School Thesis/Dissertation Examiner, two examination copies of the Thesis/Dissertation must be filed in the academic unit office at least one week before the oral examination. <i>(Students should check with their advisor for discipline- specific dates.)</i>	7 Days Before Oral Defense	7 Days Before Oral Defense	7 Days Before Oral Defense
Last Date for Oral Defense – FOR DEGREE COMPLETION	December 4, 2008	April 30, 2009	July 30, 2009
Thesis/Dissertation Filing Date – 2:00 p.m. deadline for filing final Thesis/Dissertation copies in Graduate School for degree completion.	December 5, 2008 2:00 p.m. deadline	May 1, 2009 2:00 p.m. deadline	July 31, 2009 2:00 p.m. deadline
Master's Comprehensive Examination			
Academic units must submit results to the Graduate School. Masters students must check with their academic unit for testing information and dates.	December 1, 2008	April 27, 2009	July 27, 2009
Degree Completion Date			
Diplomas are mailed approximately 8-10 weeks after this date.	December 13, 2008	May 9, 2009	August 8, 2009

GRADUATION/COMMENCEMENT NOTE: Participation in commencement exercises is voluntary. Students planning to graduate and/or participate in commencement exercises should view the Commencement website at www.graduationservices.ilstu.edu. Those completing master's degree requirements in May and August should walk in May ceremony; if completing master's in December should walk in December ceremony. Doctorates walk in the ceremony immediately following completion of all degree requirements.