

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY
GRADUATE SCHOOL IMPORTANT DATES and DEADLINES for COMPLETION OF DEGREE
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	December 2009 Degree Completion	May 2010 Degree Completion	August 2010 Degree Completion
GRADUATION			
Degree Audit due in Graduate School	September 1, 2009	January 13, 2010	May 12, 2010
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 contacting the Graduate School.	September 1, 2009	January 13, 2010	January 13, 2010 For students intending to march in May May 12, 2010 if not marching
Incomplete grades from previous semesters must be completed and grades submitted to Academic Records.	December 11, 2009	May 7, 2010	August 6, 2010
THESIS/DISSERTATION			
It is strongly suggested that all thesis/dissertation proposals involving living human, animal subjects or biosafety issues be submitted early in the semester prior to anticipated graduation 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 16, 2009	January 11, 2010	May 16, 2010
Thesis/Dissertation Proposal Approval Form – For all students completing degree, proposal form with protocol number (if applicable) due in Graduate School.	September 1, 2009	January 13, 2010	May 12, 2010
Format Check Deadline – Last possible date to deposit Thesis/Dissertation in Graduate School for format check for degree completion.	Dissertation: October 19, 2009 Thesis: November 16, 2009	Dissertation: March 15, 2010 Thesis: April 12, 2010	Dissertation: June 14, 2010 Thesis: July 12, 2010
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	Dissertation: November 5, 2009 Thesis: December 3, 2009	Dissertation: April 1, 2010 Thesis: April 29, 2010	Dissertation: July 1, 2010 Thesis: July 29, 2010
Thesis/Dissertation Filing Date – 2:00 p.m. deadline for filing final Thesis/Dissertation copies in Graduate School for degree completion.	Dissertation: November 6, 2009 Thesis: December 4, 2009 2:00 pm deadline	Dissertation: April 2, 2010 Thesis: April 30, 2010 2:00 pm deadline	Dissertation: July 2, 2010 Thesis: July 30, 2010 2:00 pm 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.	November 30, 2009	April 26, 2010	July 26, 2010
Degree Completion Date Diplomas are mailed approximately 8-10 weeks after this date.	December 12, 2009	May 8, 2010	August 7, 2010

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.