Migration and Diaspora Studies MA Program Master's Thesis and Research Essay Deadlines

Steps:		Summer 2025	Fall 2025	Winter 2026
1.	Consult your supervisor about your timeline for completion of your Master's Research Essay (MRE) or Thesis. Your supervisor may recommend deadlines earlier than the deadlines listed.	Мау	September	January
2.	Present draft chapters to your supervisor for comment and revision	June-July	OctNov.	FebMar.
3.	Last Day to apply to Graduate (Please note that the Feb. convocation does not have a ceremony).	Aug. 31 (for Nov.)	Nov. 30 (for Feb.)	April 1 (for June)
4.	Last day to submit a full and complete draft of your research project to your supervisor for review. M.A. Thesis: Your supervisor may require an earlier deadline. Your supervisor must inform the MDS Program Director that you are planning to complete your project this term and provide	July 22	November 29	April 1
	names of the thesis committee members (chair, second reader, examiner). Your supervisor should also coordinate with the committee and the MDS program administrator to schedule the date and time of the oral defence. The thesis must be distributed to the committee at least 3 weeks before the defence date	•		
	M.A. Research Essay: Your supervisor may require an earlier deadline. Your supervisor must inform the MDS Program Director that you are planning to complete your project this term and provide the name of the examiner.	August 8	December 4	April 3
5.	Last Day to Submit EVALUATION copy of research project to committee (you may submit earlier!). M.A. Thesis Submit the thesis to the MDS Administrator and Program Director and circulate to your committee members for evaluation. The thesis must be circulated to the committee members at least 3 weeks before the scheduled defence date and completely uploaded in the e-thesis system at least 2	August 15	December 18	April 10
	weeks before the defence. M.A. Research Essay: Email an electronic copy of your MRE as an MS Word or PDF file to the MDS Program Director, copying the MDS Program Administrator, your supervisor, and your examiner.	August 23	December 20	April 23

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6.	EvaluationMRE: — Last Day for MRE examiners to submit marks to MDS Program DirectorTHESIS: — Last Day to Hold Thesis Defence.	September 2	January 8	April 29
7.	Last Day for student to submit the filing copy of the MRE or Thesis with any corrections or revisions.			
	MRE: Students should email an electronic copy (in MS Word or PDF format) to the Program Administrator, copying their supervisor and the MDS Program Director.	September 8	January 13	May 3
	THESIS: Upload the final revised copy in the ethesis system. Your supervisor will need to approve the uploaded thesis revisions. All thesis upload procedures MUST be completed by the LAST DAY FOR REGISTRATION AND COURSE CHANGES deadline noted or the student MUST REGISTER for the following term. No exceptions.	FINAL Thesis Upload completed: September 16	FINAL Thesis Upload completed: January 16	FINAL Thesis Upload completed: May 12