

JCGS MASTER'S DEGREE COMPLETION DEADLINE POLICY

Thomas Jefferson University holds one commencement ceremony in May of each year that includes students who have completed their requirements for the Master's Degree programs in the Jefferson College of Graduate Studies. In order for students to receive their degree and participate in the commencement exercises within a given academic year, students must complete all required didactic course work by the end of the Spring I term of that year. The only courses that may remain open in the Spring II term are the Master's Thesis Research courses (870, 880, 890) and Master's Clerkship courses (810, 820, 830). These courses must be completed within the Spring II term. Therefore, to graduate during a given academic year, the student *must* successfully defend his/her thesis before their committee, submit the approved final bound thesis copy along with all required signature forms, and participate in the public thesis presentation no later than the scheduled April sessions during that year. If a student does not complete these requirements within this timeframe, the date of degree conferral and opportunity to participate in commencement will be the following academic year.