Your thesis advisor **MUST** sign off on your thesis on the format form at least 3 **weeks before** your defense.

*Please remember this is a “last day to…” schedule. Be sure to allow yourself plenty of time to make corrections after your first departmental thesis check.*

“You need to have your thesis format approved and schedule the defense with the Main Office at least **15 business days** prior to your defense.

Sunday, 01/11/15

Last day for a plan of study to be received by the Graduate School to graduate in May.

For Ph.D. students: If you have already submitted your plan, you may wish to check to make sure everything is correct. **You Do Not need to add your 4th committee member to the plan.**

Friday, 02/06/15

*Exam Only Registration* – Last day for Thesis Format Approval in the Department. ("Exam Only – must deposit by 3/06/15")

Wednesday, 02/18/15

Last day to declare candidacy for degree for May graduation.

Friday, 03/06/15

**Last day to make an appointment for departmental thesis format approval.**
(First formatting appointment can be no later than 3/20/15, for corrections to be made and final format check by the 04/03/15 deadline.)

"Exam Only" – Must deposit by this day.

Last day for students who register for “exam/degree only” to submit the appropriate Report of Final Examination and the Thesis Receipt forms.

If these two forms are not received in the Graduate School, the registration will be revised to research credits. (Does not apply to non-thesis master’s candidates.)

*Friday, 04/03/15

Last day for thesis format approval in the Department.

Friday, 04/24/15

Last day for students to pass the final examination. (by 1:00 pm)

Final examination reports must be received **for all graduating students** by the Graduate School, Room 170, YONG. Students for whom a final report is not received will not be able to graduate in May. Final examination reports are not required for nonthesis master’s students in graduate departments with approved alternative graduation criteria.)

Friday, 05/01/15

**Ph.D. candidates and Masters candidates** must submit their theses/dissertation via Electronic Thesis Deposit (ETD), as well as turn in all required forms at their mandatory, scheduled , final deposit appointment in the Thesis/Dissertation Office, Room 170, Young Hall (YONG)

**Master’s and Ph.D. candidates** with “Confidential” theses/dissertations also must submit their departmental copies to the Graduate School.

**Exit Questionnaires** (Master’s and Doctoral) and **Survey of Earned Doctorates** (Doctoral only) must be completed before your thesis final deposit appointment. A copy of completion certificate needs to be brought with you to your deposit appointment.

**Deposit appointments** can be made at this website:
http://www.purdue.edu/gradschool/research/thesis/index.cfm