

# Thesis Deadlines:

<b>GUARINI SCHOOL OF GRADUATE AND ADVANCED STUDIES:</b>		
<b>Graduation Term</b>	<b>Due Date for Thesis Submission to Guarini School Office</b>	<b>Graduation Month</b>
SUMMER	August 15	September
FALL	October 1	November
WINTER	February 1	March
SPRING	May 15	June

<b>ENGINEERING:</b>		
<b>Graduation Term</b>	<b>Due Date for Thesis Submission to Thayer School of Engineering Registrar</b>	<b>Graduation Month</b>
FALL	September *	November
WINTER	January *	March
SPRING	May 15	June

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**Title Page Format for all Degrees EXCEPT Engineering Sciences and MALS**

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Master of Arts *or* Master of Science *or* Doctor of Philosophy

in

Degree Major (**List of approved majors on following page**)

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Biological Sciences  
Cancer Biology  
Chemistry  
Cognitive Neuroscience  
Computer Science  
Digital Musics  
Earth Sciences  
Ecology, Evolution, Environment and Society  
Engineering Sciences (see title page format on page 4)  
Experimental and Molecular Medicine  
Health Policy and Clinical Practice  
Integrative Neuroscience  
Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (see title page format on page 5)  
Mathematics  
Microbiology and Immunology  
Molecular and Systems Biology  
Physics and Astronomy  
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### **I. PREPARATION OF THE MANUSCRIPT**

1) The abstract **must not exceed 350 words**, and in most cases should be substantially shorter. The abstract should contain:

1. statement of the problem
2. procedure or methods
3. results
4. conclusions

2) It is essential that the manuscript be attractive in appearance and free from error. The textual material must be formatted to be printed on only one side and may be presented in one of two forms:

a) Text must be at least 11-point font. Line spacing must also be at least 18 points (1.5 lines), except for footnotes and long quoted passages. For binding purposes, the left-hand margin **must be 1.5 inches wide** on all pages of the thesis including figures, appendices, etc. The top, bottom, and right-hand margins should be between 0.5" to 1" wide.

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3) Page Numbering: Each page in the thesis, except the title page and the blank page following the title page, should be assigned a number.

a) For the preliminaries, small Roman numerals (ii, iii, iv, etc.) are used. The numbering should begin with **ii**, on the abstract. The title page counts as page **i** but the number does not appear. The blank page is not counted or numbered.

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## II. FORMAT

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### 1) The Preliminaries:

- a) Title Page should conform to the sample title page
- b) Blank Page or Copyright Notation (see IV Copyright on next page)
- c) Abstract (**must not exceed 350 words**)
- d) Preface, including acknowledgments
- e) Table of Contents, with page references
- f) List of Tables, with titles and page references
- g) List of illustrations, with titles and page references

### 2) The Text

a) Introduction

b) Main body, with the larger divisions and more important minor divisions indicated by suitable headings.

### 3a) Appendices

**3b) References – please leave a space between each reference.**

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**August 15 for September graduation (Summer term)**

**October 1 for the November graduation (Fall term)**

**February 1 for March graduation (Winter term)**

**May 15 for the June graduation (Spring term)**

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