

## iBio MS Graduation Guidelines

1. Complete all your degree requirements. You can check out those requirements on the iBio Handbook.
2. Clear all Incomplete grades or Progress grades in non-research courses, progress grades in 990 research may remain as a P but won't count towards the degree. Your final research credits must be graded by the end of the semester.
3. The thesis defense is one of the final steps in the MS process. At least 3-4 weeks before the defense, you must request a final defense [warrant](#) from the graduate program coordinator.
4. The Graduate school will send you an exit survey after the warrant is requested.
5. The coordinator will provide you with the warrant and signing instructions.
6. After your defense your committee should complete and sign your warrant and [defense evaluation rubric](#) forms. You'll need to send a copy of the completed warrant, rubric, and an updated CV to the graduate program coordinator.
7. For iBio MS students you must complete a thesis but aren't required to deposit it unless you or your committee want to.
8. iBio MS students don't have to do a public talk unless you and/or your committee want to. You can schedule your own talk. There are defense poster examples on the [Graduate student degree information and resources](#) page on the iBio graduation guidelines tab. Send your grad coordinator a week prior the talk.
9. The department does not have specific requirements for the thesis. Thesis and project guidelines and requirements are provided by the advisory committee and samples can be requested from the committee or found in the UW-Madison Library Catalog <https://www.library.wisc.edu/find/dissertations/>.  
Graduate School Master's Thesis Format Guidelines can be found at this link <https://grad.wisc.edu/current-students/masters-guide/>
10. The graduate school has deadlines to deposit your warrant for your degree to be conferred.  
Deadlines: <https://grad.wisc.edu/current-students/masters-guide/>
11. If you're planning to participate in commencement, you are required to indicate as such in your Student Center through MyUW.  
For more information visit: <https://registrar.wisc.edu/applyforgraduation/>
12. General information on the commencement ceremony if you plan to attend: <https://commencement.wisc.edu/>

If you have questions about subjects 1-8 or questions about deadlines and window periods, please contact [boldiis@wisc.edu](mailto:boldiis@wisc.edu). If you have questions for 11-12, please contact [commence@chancellor.wisc.edu](mailto:commence@chancellor.wisc.edu) about it.

Here is a FAQ site regarding diplomas from UW-Madison <https://registrar.wisc.edu/diplomas/#FAQs>