

Department of Construction Engineering Guidelines for MSc Defense

1. CENG Dept. requires at least one paper to be submitted to and/or published in an international conference or journal.
2. Completed turnitin report for thesis originality must be submitted with the thesis, in which the similarity ratio must be approved by the thesis advisor.
3. Students graduating in **FALL** semester

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| **Required Action** | **DL1** |
| Thesis approved by advisor | December 7th |
| Advisor’s approved thesis submitted to the Graduate Program Director | December 10th |
| Advisor propose two committees2 for the defense and email them to the Department Chair and the Graduate Program Director |
| Thesis sent out to the approved defense committee | December 15th |
| External Referee Report received with a recommendation for defense | December 30th |
| Thesis Defense completed | January 7th |
| Revisions recommended by the defense committee and submit the top copy of  the accepted/signed thesis to the CENG Dept. | January 14th |
| Thesis submitted to the Dean’s office3 | 3rd Tuesday of  January |

1. Students graduating in **SPRING** semester

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| **Required Action** | **DL1** |
| Thesis approved by advisor | April 7th |
| Advisor’s approved thesis submitted to the Graduate Program Director | April 10th |
| Advisor propose two committees2 for the defense and email them to the Department Chair and the Graduate Program Director |
| Thesis sent out to the approved defense committee | April 15th |
| External Referee Report received with a recommendation for defense | April 30th |
| Thesis Defense completed | May 7th |
| Revisions recommended by the defense committee and submit the top copy of the accepted/signed thesis to the CENG Dept. | May 14th |
| Thesis submitted to the Dean’s office3 | 3rd Tuesday of  May |

1. Thesis complete in **SUMMER** Semester (Students graduating in the following Fall semester)

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| **Required Action** | **DL1** |
| Thesis approved by advisor | June 7th |
| Advisor’s approved thesis submitted to the Graduate Program Director | June 10th |
| Advisor propose two committees2 for the defense and email them to the Department Chair and the Graduate Program Director |
| Thesis sent out to the approved defense committee | June 15th |
| External Referee Report received with a recommendation for defense | June 30th |
| Thesis Defense completed | June 7th |
| Revisions recommended by the defense committee and submit the top copy of the accepted/signed thesis to the CENG Dept. | July 14th |
| Thesis submitted to the Dean’s office3 | 3rd Tuesday of  July |

1In case the university is closed on any of the above days, then the submission of the thesis is due on the following day the university is open. If the thesis is submitted late, the degree will not be conferred that semester.

2Defense Committee: Thesis advisor(s), a faculty member from CENG or SSE and an external faculty.

3In addition to submitting a hard copy of the thesis, the student is required to submit an electronic version of the thesis directly to the AUC Digital Archive and Research Repository (AUC DAR) [dar@aucegypt.edu](mailto:dar@aucegypt.edu)