

IMA THESIS CALENDAR / SPRING 2026

Full Timeline

Color Key: **Orange** = Thesis Class dates | **Pink** = Grant deadlines | **Blue** = New student deadlines
Gray = Graduating student deadlines

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Date	Event/Deadline	Format
ASAP	Apply to graduate in CUNYfirst (student center)	online
Fri, Jan 18	EOD - Princess Grace Award Application	online
Sun Feb 1	Thesis Orientation for new thesis students Recording here Passcode: Fx9x4!6^	online
Mon, Feb 2	Thesis Class - 6:30-8:30pm - All students encouraged to attend	HN503A
Mon, Feb 9 (6pm)	IMA Thesis Concept Summary (1-2 pages) due - upload to drive and bring to Thesis Class. Details on our website: https://ima-mfa.hunter.cuny.edu/thesis-information/ Reach out to potential 1st and 2nd advisors starting now!	Upload to Google Drive
Mon, Feb 9	Thesis Class - 6:30-8:30pm (Concept Presentations)	HN503A
Sun, Feb 15	Final deadline to apply for graduation in CUNYfirst ***If you already applied last semester, email Degree Audit to cancel: dgraudt@hunter.cuny.edu (include full name and EMPLID#) ***If you are part of the old thesis system and plan to pay the MAM, you will likely have to submit a time extension form; contact Jess at imamfacoordinator@gmail.com for more about this (due by Friday Feb 12th at noon at very latest)	online
Tues, Feb 17	Deadline to secure 1st and 2nd advisors, and to submit your thesis plan to them, if completing 6 thesis credits in one semester https://ima-mfa.hunter.cuny.edu/thesis-information/	Once secured, update the living doc with your advisors here
Mon, Feb 23	Thesis Class - 6:30-8:30pm	Zoom link
Tues Feb 24	Deadline to secure 1st and 2nd advisor, and to submit your thesis plan to them, if completing 6 thesis credits in 2+ semesters https://ima-mfa.hunter.cuny.edu/thesis-information/	Once secured, update the living doc with your advisors here
Mon, March 2	Thesis Class - 6:30-8:30pm	Hybrid - In Person (HN503A) & Zoom Option
March 3rd, 2026	Two award deadlines from Hunter, one for travel, and one for thesis students. Requires 1 week for the program to review and select strongest applicants to send to the dean. More information here: Hunter Arts and Sciences Awards	Submit application here
Mon, March 16	Thesis Class - 6:30-8:30pm	Remote only Zoom link

Mon, March 30	Thesis Class - 6:30-8:30pm	REMOTE ONLY Zoom Link
April 1- April 9	SPRING BREAK	
Mon, April 13	"Go/No Go" Deadline - advisor approves whether you schedule defense (can approve before this date)	email
Mon, April 13	Thesis Class - 6:30-8:30pm	REMOTE ONLY - Zoom Link
Mon, April 27	Thesis Class - 6:30-8:30pm	Remote only Zoom link
May 1	Thesis Paper Draft Due to Advisors to review before defense	
May 4 - May 9	IMA Thesis Defense Week - schedule with your three advisors and notify Jess	online or in grad lab
Mon, May 4	Pay Maintenance of Matriculation fee (~\$225/\$360) - only for students in old thesis model (IMA 78800) OR not enrolled in classes	online
Mon, May 11	Thesis Class - 6:30-8:30pm Final deadline to submit finished project to Peter/plan for install (earlier is better) email projects here: fm.support.hunter@gmail.com	Hybrid - In Person (HN503A) & Zoom Option
Mon, May 13	Final deadline to upload Thesis Paper to Academic Works . See detailed instructions on our website. Do not leave this to the last minute— formatting is tricky!	
Fri-Sun, May 15-17	IMA Thesis Show!! + Q&A - Block out whole weekend	Lang, Black Box, TV Studio, 11th floor
Ongoing	Check your MyHunter email for timely notices from Degree Audit - continue checking until you receive your diploma (can take 4-8 months)	email

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