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Monthly Degree awarding for Certificates, Masters' degrees, and Specialist Degrees

Currently Doctoral degrees are awarded monthly and Certificates, Masters' degrees, and Specialist degrees are awarded four times a year; May, June, End of Summer Session, and December. After consulting with the Registrar GSO proposes we *move* to a monthly awarding schedule for all degrees and certificates.

Rationale:

1. This will help reduce the bottleneck of degrees awarded only four times a year.
2. Students that complete their requirements during the semester can have their degree awarded when they have completed it and will no longer have to wait until end of term (internships, I grade issues).
3. Doctoral students picking up a lower degree will no longer have to delay their Doctoral degree to make sure the lower degree is awarded first or at same time as Doctoral degree.

Certificate Conferral

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the Graduate Studies Office at least one month prior to the degree conferral date. The Graduate Studies Office will send out an e-mail and post these specific dates each semester.

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