

# Policy on Graduation Participation

The Registrar's Office conducts graduation audits and is responsible for certifying that every student is eligible to participate in commencement exercises. For the associate degree commencement, this audit will be conducted during the second semester of the sophomore year. For the bachelor's degree commencement, the audit will be conducted during the second semester of the senior year. For commencement from the certificate programs, the audit will be conducted during the second semester of the program. Audits for graduate students are conducted during the semester prior to the final semester.

Students will be acknowledged by their proper names as provided on the required Graduation Application during the ceremony and in the commencement program. Students pursuing more than one major must select their primary major for recognition at the ceremony and in the program. Participation in the commencement ceremony is not verification that a student has met all of the academic requirements and has earned the degree or certificate—all requirements must be completed satisfactorily to be considered graduated. Please note: The conferral date on the diploma will be the final day of the final 15-week semester and may be different from the ceremony date.

Undergraduate students are expected to complete all program requirements with a minimum GPA of 2.0 to be eligible for graduation. Students will be permitted to walk in the commencement ceremony with six credits outstanding as long as the student is registered in the subsequent semester and has arranged a method of payment. Bachelor's degree students pursuing a concentration at a branch campus during their final semester will be permitted to participate in the commencement ceremony immediately prior to their departure, as long as the student is registered in the subsequent semester and has arranged a method of payment.

Graduate students are expected to complete all program requirements with a minimum GPA of 3.0 to be eligible for graduation. Students will be permitted to walk in the commencement ceremony with three credits outstanding as long as the student is registered in the subsequent semester and has arranged a method of payment.

All students, including those requesting to participate in the commencement ceremony with academic requirements outstanding, must complete a graduation application and receive approval from the registrar at least six weeks prior to the commencement ceremony date. Requests submitted after these deadlines cannot be accommodated.

Upon final review, once all grades have been submitted, library books returned, outstanding fees and charges paid, and/or outstanding disciplinary actions resolved, diplomas will be distributed.