

ATTEND COMMENCEMENT WITH DEFICIENCIES

Students who have not completed their degree requirements may participate in the annual commencement exercises under the following conditions:

1. **Undergraduate students** who have eighteen or fewer credits of degree requirements remaining after spring quarter and who meet the grade point standards for their degree programs as of winter quarter are eligible to participate in commencement.

Exception: Cohort designed programs that are scheduled to complete degree requirements in the summer quarter are eligible to participate in commencement the preceding spring. This includes all students enrolled in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) and Bachelor of Science in Diagnostic Ultrasound (BSDU) programs

Graduate students who have six or fewer credits of degree requirements remaining after spring quarter and who meet the grade point standards for their degree programs as of winter quarter are eligible to participate in commencement.

Exception: Cohort designed programs that are scheduled to complete degree requirements in the summer quarter are eligible to participate in commencement the preceding spring. This includes all students enrolled in the Master's in Teaching (MIT), Master's in Nursing (MSN), and Bridge Master of Business Administration (BRMB) programs.

Double Degree students: Undergraduates completing two or more degrees simultaneously may participate in the commencement exercises provided they have 18 or fewer credits remaining after spring quarter to earn both degrees. Graduate students completing two or more degrees simultaneously may participate in commencement exercises provided they have 6 or fewer credits remaining for the two degrees combined.

Doctoral students who have defended their dissertation/thesis/project, have six or fewer credits of degree requirements remaining after spring quarter, and meet the grade point standards for their degree programs as of May 1 are eligible to participate in commencement. Final approval to participate in commencement exercises must be provided by the school/college by May 1.

2. Students wishing to participate in commencement with deficiencies apply for graduation using the normal graduation application procedures and must follow the posted deadlines for the term in which they plan to complete their degree requirements. An audit of student files is conducted to ensure that students who applied to graduate with deficiencies comply with the requirements listed in the deficiency policy. If they do not, the student and department will be contacted informing them that the student's name will be removed from the list of participating graduates at commencement.
3. If the student is eligible for graduation with honors as of winter quarter grades, the commencement program will include the honors designation with the student name. Final honors eligibility will be calculated and posted on the final degree transcript and diplomas based upon grades for all coursework completed.
4. Students who exercise this option to participate in commencement with deficiencies may not participate again following completion of their degree requirements, nor will their names appear again in the commencement program.

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