

Policy on Degree Conferment and Participation in Graduation

Note: This policy is currently under review for the 2016-2017 Academic Year

Completion of Graduation Requirements	Participation at Commencement	Year of Graduation	Degree Conferment Date
By the spring degree conferment	Student participates	Current Class	Spring Semester (Second Sunday in May)
Within six weeks of the spring degree conferment	Student participates*	Current Class	Spring Semester
Within two weeks of the summer degree conferment date	Site to determine*	Current Class	Summer Semester** (Last Sunday in July)
Before the first day of fall semester (3 rd or 4 th Monday in August)	Site to determine*	Current Class	Fall Semester** (Second Sunday in December)
Within two weeks of the fall degree conferment date	Site to determine*	Following Class	Fall Semester** (Second Sunday in December)

*With regard to participation in commencement, sites may determine whether students can participate when they have not as yet completed all required weeks of instruction. However, no student can participate unless he/she has received passing scores for the Step 2 CK & CS.

**At such time requirements are completed, the site Student Affairs Dean's office may write a letter to the residency program director to indicate that the student has completed all requirements, but due to the university calendar, the degree cannot be conferred until the end of the summer semester.

Students will remain in their class until the next class begins in the fall semester.