Temple University Petition for Non-graduates to Attend University Commencement and/or School Graduation Ceremonies

“Participation Only” Petition

INSTRUCTIONS

Commencement/Graduation is intended to be a University-wide celebration of the completion of your degree. Following commencement, schools and colleges hold separate ceremonies to celebrate the graduation of their students. We recognize that due to extenuating circumstances, students who have not yet completed all degree requirements may wish to participate in these ceremonies. These guidelines outline the circumstances under which undergraduate students may be allowed to participate.

Students who meet the requirements listed below may receive permission to participate in commencement activities:

1. After reviewing current registration, student must be within two courses or eight credit hours of meeting their degree requirements; this status must be verified by the school or college.

2. Petitions must be submitted by the University graduation application deadline for the graduation requested. The deadlines are listed on the Academic Calendar page of the website of the Office of the University Registrar (www.temple.edu/registrar).

3. Students may participate in commencement and graduation ceremonies only once. Students with an approved petition to participate in commencement and graduation ceremonies as a non-graduate forfeit their right to participate when they actually complete their degrees, even if they do not attend the ceremony for which their petition was approved.

Students who meet the criteria listed above must submit this petition to the Advising Center of their college or school.

Petitions will be reviewed for adherence to the criteria listed above; students will be notified of the decision via their Advising Session Reports on TUportal.

NOTE: Tickets to the ceremony/ies for guests will be assigned on a space-available basis.

CST Center for Academic Advising and Professional Development
1210 Polett Walk, Paley Library-Suite 150
Temple University Petition of Non-graduates to Participate in Commencement Ceremonies

Name: ____________________________________________________________  TU ID: _______________________

Local Address: ___________________________________________________________________________________

City: __________________________________________________  State: __________  Zip: ____________________

Phone: _________________________________________________  Email: ________________________@temple.edu

Degree (circle one):   B.A.     B.S.     Major: __________________________   2nd Major: _____________________________

Number of credits remaining _______    Minor____________________________ 2nd Minor: _______

Print your name as it should appear in the program booklet (This must match the name on your official Temple record): ____________________________________________

Write your name as it sounds (must be completed): ___________________________________________

Please check the ceremony/ies you are petitioning to attend:      __ University Commencement      __ CST Graduation

Please explain the reason for your request in the space below (please note: due to space limitations, approvals for “participation-only” petitions to participate in the winter CST ceremony can only be considered in the most extenuating of circumstances):

I understand that if I receive permission to participate in Temple University Commencement activities, even though I have not completed one or more of the requirements necessary to graduate, I will not officially graduate until I resolve/complete all outstanding requirements.

I understand that inclusion on a future graduation list is not automatic and that I must submit a graduation application for the upcoming semester based on the deadlines required by my school or college. I further understand that my graduation date will not be retroactive and will correspond to the semester in which I successfully complete all outstanding requirements and have applied for graduation.

I understand that it is my responsibility to inform my employer that I have not graduated if my employment is contingent upon conferral of my degree.

I understand that if approved to attend my school/college graduation ceremony prior to my actual graduation, I forfeit my right to attend a future school/college ceremony, if I do not withdraw my petition to walk as a nongraduate prior to the graduation ceremony selected above.

I understand that my name may not appear in either the University Commencement Program Book or school/college graduation program.

I understand that I will not receive a diploma until I successfully complete all my degree requirements and submit a graduation application.

__________________________________________  ________________________
Student’s Signature  Date

___ Approved  ___ Denied

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Dean or Dean’s Desigee’s Signature  Date