

Temple University
Petition for Non-graduates to Attend
University Commencement and/or School Graduation Ceremonies
(applies to undergraduate students only; revised Fall 2019)

INSTRUCTIONS

Commencement is a university-wide celebration of the completion of your degree. It is ceremonial. It is a time to celebrate, but it does not signal that a participant has completed degree requirements. Following Commencement, schools and colleges hold separate ceremonies to further 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.

Undergraduate students who meet the requirements listed below may receive permission to participate in Commencement activities:

1. After reviewing current registration, students must be within two courses or eight credits hours of meeting their degree requirements; this status must be verified by the school or college. (Exceptions may be made by individual schools/colleges to accommodate students completing a 12-credit internship in the summer immediately following the graduation ceremony.)
2. **Petitions must be submitted by the university graduation application deadline for the graduation requested.** The deadlines are listed on the Registrar's website:

<http://www.temple.edu/registrar/students/graduation/index.asp>

3. Students may participate one time in University Commencement ceremonies and one time in school or college ceremonies. (Exceptions may be approved for students who are double majors in different schools/colleges or who seek to participate in ceremonies at other campuses.)

Note: Students who decide not to attend the ceremony for which the non-graduate petition was approved must withdraw their petition to walk as a non-graduate prior to the petition-approved ceremony, if they wish to participate in a future ceremony when they have actually completed all graduation requirements.

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

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

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

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Name: _____ TUID: _____

Local Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____@temple.edu

Please check the ceremony/ies you are petitioning to attend:

- University Commencement and school/college graduation (list year): May _____
- School/college graduation ceremony for (list year and check one): Year: _____ August January

(Please note that not all schools/colleges hold ceremonies in August and/or January – check with your school/college.)

Please list your remaining academic requirements below.

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 non-graduate 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 Signature

Date

Approved

Denied



Dean or Dean's Designee's signature

Date