

**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](http://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: \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of credits remaining \_\_\_\_\_ Minor \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> 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):

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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 will submit a graduation application for the upcoming semester based on the deadlines required by my college or school. I further understand that my graduation date will NOT be retroactive and will correspond to the upcoming 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 receipt of my degree.

I understand that if approved to attend my College/School Graduation Ceremony prior to my actual graduation, I forfeit my right to attend a future College/School Ceremony when I complete my degree requirements.

I understand that my name may not appear in either the University or College/School Commencement Books and that I will NOT receive a diploma at this time.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Approved

Denied

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Dean or Dean's Designee's Signature

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Date