

13.99.99.R0.44 Postponing Participation in Commencement

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Procedure Summary

This procedure establishes a process for qualified students delaying their participation in the official graduation ceremony by two terms. In an effort to accommodate students who, for extenuating circumstances are unable to participate in the ceremony in which they are graduating, the following protocol is established as criteria for approving delayed participation in the commencement ceremony in which the student officially completes their academic program.

Procedures and Responsibilities

1 General

- 1.1 Students who have successfully completed the requirements for their chosen academic program and qualify to graduate may be able to defer participating in the commencement ceremony.
- 1.2 The student may [petition](#) the Office of the Registrar to postpone participating in their commencement ceremony due to extenuating circumstances.
- 1.3 The student's actual degree completion date that appears on their transcript and diploma will be for the term the degree requirements are completed, not when the student participates in the commencement ceremony.
- 1.4 The student must have applied for graduation in the term in which they will complete their degree requirements.
- 1.5 Only a two term deferral may be granted. No further terms will be allowed and this is not appealable or negotiable.
- 1.6 Petitions to defer participation in the commencement ceremony will be accepted up until the last day to apply for graduation, as posted in the academic calendar, for each respective term. Requests after that date will not be accepted.
- 1.7 Details regarding the commencement ceremonies are located on the [graduation](#) website. Tickets will be limited to those approved to postpone.

1.8 International students who have returned to their home countries after their degree requirements are completed but prior to participating in the commencement ceremony will need to contact the Office of International Programs regarding proper visa requirements in order to return for participation in the commencement ceremony. The Office of International Programs will assist international students in attaining the correct visa for re-entry into the United States.

Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

None

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