

MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY
Office of the Provost
Academic Division Policy

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FROM: Dr. Madeline Wake, Provost

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SUBJECT: Student Participation in Commencement (revision)

Commencement at Marquette is a symbolic ceremony provided for students, faculty and families in celebration of our students' accomplishments. Following is the policy on when a student may participate in the Spring or Winter commencement.

1. Students may participate in only one university commencement per degree.
2. Spring Commencement:
 - a. Students who are in good academic standing, have met the appropriate graduation application deadline and will complete their degree requirements, including the official recording of any transfer work, by the end of the Spring term will participate in Spring commencement.
 - b. Students, who are in good academic standing, have met the appropriate graduation application deadline and will complete their degree requirements, including the official recording of any transfer work, by the end of the Summer term and are pre-registered for those final requirements may participate in Spring commencement.
3. Winter Commencement:
 - a. Students who are in good academic standing, have met the appropriate graduation application deadline and will complete their degree requirements, including the official recording of any transfer work by the end of the Fall term will participate in Winter commencement.
 - b. Students who completed their degree requirements in August and did not participate in Spring commencement, will participate in Winter commencement.
4. Ph.D. Candidates:

To participate in Spring or Winter commencement, Ph.D. candidates must have met the appropriate graduation application deadline, successfully defended their dissertation, received approval by their Dissertation Committee for any required revisions, and received approval of the dissertation format by the Graduate School before the published deadline for the respective commencement.
5. Students who participate in commencement without completion of their degree requirements will have their names published in the commencement program with a notation indicating the expected term of completion; however, these students will not

have any graduation honors noted. This paragraph does not apply to doctoral candidates since they are not eligible to participate in commencement until they have completed all degree requirements.

6. Degree conferral is certified by the official Marquette transcript noting the degree completion. Receipt of a diploma or the participation in commencement does not constitute certification of degree conferral.

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