

GRADUATION

Graduation is a culmination of a long process that begins with the student's first enrollment in the degree program. A student is awarded the degree upon completing all of the requirements of the degree program in which he/she is enrolled and in accordance with all applicable University policies. A graduate student must be in Good Academic Standing in order to be awarded a graduate degree.

In general the final phase of the process, which occurs in the student's last semester of enrollment, entails the following steps: (1) Applying for the degree, (2) completing all course requirements, (3) completing other applicable requirements (e.g. thesis/dissertation), (4) and obtaining clearance for exit.

Applying for the Degree to Graduate

A graduate student who plans to graduate at the end of a particular semester (including Summer) must submit an application for graduation during that semester. The student must complete this step by applying to graduate online (via e-Services) before the end of the fourth week of classes in the semester. Failure to apply for the degree on time will result in delaying the student's graduation until the following semester.

Note: *A student must have an active registration during the semester in which he/she plans to graduate.*

Exit Clearance

Upon completing all degree requirements at the end of the final semester, the graduate student must obtain clearances from various applicable units of the University, such as the Library, Hostel, Immigration and Student Accounts, by completing an "Exit Clearance Form" and securing all applicable signatures. This task is normally completed in the last few days of the semester.

Official Transcript, Attestation and Diploma

A graduate student can obtain an official academic transcript and an attestation of degree completion from the Registration Department upon the award of the degree, which is normally within three weeks after the end of the semester. However, the actual diploma will be available at the official graduation ceremony, which normally occurs in the Spring semester of the following academic year.