

Qualifications for Commencement Participation

Master's Degrees

Master's degree candidates who will complete their coursework and degree requirements by August 2015 are invited to participate in [Commencement](#) in May 2015.

It is the student's responsibility to know and fulfill all degree requirements graduation. Participation in Convocation and [Commencement](#) ceremonies does not indicate that degree requirements have been completed.

Graduating students notify the University that they intend to graduate through the File Diploma Request process on [MySlice](#). This process must be completed to ensure inclusion in the degree certification review process and for receipt of commencement information and, once the degree is awarded, the diploma.

In order to receive timely May 2015 [Commencement](#) information from the Office of Special Events, you must complete the File Diploma Request process by:

December 2014 expected graduates, file your diploma request by November 3, 2014.

May 2015, June 2015, and August 2014 expected graduates, file your diploma request by February 13, 2015.

Doctoral Degrees

Doctoral degree recipients who earn their degrees in June 2014, August 2014, and December 2014 are eligible to participate in the Doctoral Hooding Ceremony and [Commencement](#). Doctoral candidates who expect to earn their degrees in May 2015 MUST complete all their degree requirements (including submission of final dissertation and signed title page) by April 22, 2015. Questions regarding the Doctoral Hooding Ceremony should be directed to the Graduate School at 315-443-2543.