Graduation

DEGREE REGISTRATION

A student must be registered in the semester in which the degree is conferred. If a student is not registered for a course, he/she must register for maintenance of candidacy. Candidates for August degrees do not need to be enrolled the summer preceding the degree if they were enrolled both fall and spring of the previous academic year.

APPLICATION FOR DEGREE

Candidates for graduation on University Day in May must apply on or before February 1; candidates for graduation in August must apply on or before July 1; candidates for graduation in January must apply on or before October 1. Students must apply online using the Banner Student Information System.

Applications submitted after the specified deadline will be charged a late application fee. No applications will be accepted within three weeks of the graduation date. Students who fail to submit an application must apply for the next available degree awarding date.

CLEARANCE

Graduate students must receive clearance from the university prior to the awarding of the degree. The following obligations must be satisfied:

- Students must complete all coursework, including any incomplete grades they may have received.
- Theses must be cleared by the appropriate dean's office.
- Dissertations must be cleared by the appropriate dean’s office.
- All financial obligations must be cleared with the bursar. Tuition fees, bookstore charges, library fines, and motor vehicle fines must be paid before graduation.
- All library books on loan must be returned.