



Hello Academic Advisors, Graduation Advisors, and Convocation Coordinators,

With Commencement 2020 on many students' minds, we wanted to share some general information for you to assist you as you work with students. Specifically, this message includes information on eligibility to participate in Commencement and inclusion in the Commencement program.

Ceremony Eligibility

- Please feel free to reference and share our Ceremony Eligibility page with students [linked here](#).
- Students who have graduated or will graduate in the following terms are eligible to participate in Commencement: Fall 2019, Winter 2019, Spring 2020, Summer 2020, Fall 2020, and Winter 2020.
- Students who graduate in the Fall or Winter terms may participate in either the Commencement prior to or following their expected graduation date. Students are not eligible to participate twice.
- Students who are graduating after Commencement 2020 (Summer, Fall, & Winter 2020) **do not need to contact us** to ensure they can participate. If they have applied to graduate by mid-March (when the RSVP goes live) they can RSVP on their own at commencement.arizona.edu.
 - If they have not or cannot apply to graduate by mid-March, we recommend that students apply to graduate when they can (prior to Commencement) and then they can RSVP. *(Example: If a student cannot apply to graduate until mid-April for whatever reason, we will recommend to that student that they WAIT until they have applied, and then they can RSVP for Commencement.)*
 - If they *cannot apply* to graduate until AFTER Commencement 2020, they can contact us starting in mid-March to RSVP at commencement@arizona.edu.

Printing in the Commencement Program

- In order to print the Commencement program in time, there are deadlines in place.
 - Undergraduate students must have applied for graduation by the February 1 deadline in order to be guaranteed in the program.
 - Graduate students have different deadlines and are encouraged to contact their degree counselors.
- August candidates will be listed in the Commencement program for the preceding May. Fall and Winter candidates, whose degrees have been awarded, will be listed in the following Spring Commencement program.
- The program for May 2020 will contain the names of the following degree recipients and applicants: December 2019/Winter 2019 (awarded), May 2020 (applied), August 2020 (applied). *There are no exceptions.*

Our office really tries to ensure students know Commencement does not equal graduation and is simply a celebration of the student's accomplishments. We appreciate your help in sharing this information.

We are always here as a resource! Please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you,
UA Commencement