

Hello Academic Advisors, Graduation Advisors, and Convocation Coordinators,

With Commencement 2022 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 2021, Winter 2021, Spring 2022, Summer 2022, Fall 2022, and Winter 2022.
- 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 2022 (Summer, Fall, & Winter 2022) **do not need to contact us** to ensure they can participate. If they have applied to graduate by early March, they can RSVP on their own at commencement.arizona.edu.
 - If they have not or could not apply to graduate by that time, we recommend that students apply to graduate when they can (prior to Commencement) and then they can RSVP. Spaces do not fill up, and there is no benefit to RSVPing now vs. RSVPing in April. (*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 2022, they can contact us starting today to RSVP at commencement@arizona.edu and we will record their RSVP manually.

Printing in the Commencement Program

- In order to finalize the Commencement program in time, there are deadlines in place.
 - Undergraduate students must have applied for graduation by the February 1 deadline to be guaranteed in the program.
 - Graduate students have different deadlines and are encouraged to contact their degreecounselors.
- The names in the program are NOT designated by RSVPing for Commencement, but instead by following graduation deadlines from the Office of the Registrar and the Graduate College. "Commencement" and "graduation" are separate processes.
- 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 2022 will contain the names of the following degree recipients and applicants: Fall 2021 (awarded), Winter 2021 (awarded), May 2022 (applied), August 2022 (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 or share our FAQ page (commencement.arizona.edu/faq) with your students.

Thank you,
UA Commencement