

# Participation in Commencement

A formal college commencement ceremony is held annually in the Spring semester. To participate in the commencement ceremony, students must submit a *Commencement RSVP form*. Students may only participate in commencement once per degree earned. Students may also opt out and choose to participate at a subsequent commencement.

The following students are eligible to participate in the annual Spring commencement ceremony:

1. Bachelor's and Master's degree students who met all their degree requirements at the end of the prior Summer or Fall semester/session;
2. Bachelor's and Master's Degree students who are candidates to complete their degree requirements by the end of the Spring semester/session. The student's official program degree audit evaluation must indicate the student is on target to satisfactorily complete all degree requirements by the end of the Spring semester/session of that year, as verified by the Registrar's Office and so indicated by the expected graduation date on the student's record;
3. Students placed on Financial Aid & Academic Warning or Probation statuses must meet with their Faculty Advisor to be cleared to participate in commencement.

Requirements for participation in Commencement are not subject to appeal. Students completing degree requirements at the end of the following Summer semester/session may participate if they meet the following criteria:

1. School of Education - Student has 9 or less credits left to fulfill degree requirements **and** portfolio must be current.
2. Master's degree students from the School of Human Development - Student has 6 or less credits left to fulfill degree requirements **and** Thesis or Applied Research Project must be completed.
3. Master's degree students from the School of Cultural and Family Psychology - Student has 9 or less credits left to fulfill degree requirements.
4. All other academic programs - Student has 6 or less credits left to fulfill degree requirements.
5. All undergraduate credits to fulfill degree requirements include both Pacific Oaks credits and courses in transfer.