

POLICY REGARDING PARTICIPATION IN MAY COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Please note the distinction between "graduation," which is when students complete all of their degree requirements and are thereby officially awarded their degree, and the May "commencement ceremony" and December "Hooding Ceremony" (the latter is for doctoral students only), which are the public celebrations each year.

Apply to Graduate via CheckMarq

In order to participate in either the May Commencement or the December "Hooding Ceremony" (for doctoral students only), clinical psychology students must apply for graduation on CheckMarq by the deadline listed in the academic calendar. Graduation deadlines are scheduled *well in advance* of the date of commencement to allow time for academic audits and for printing diplomas, graduation invitations and program booklets.

Master's Students

Doctoral students "step out" of the doctoral program in order to be granted their M.S. (This is the term used by the Graduate School.) On the "Graduation Application Form," students should indicate that they intend to "complete the doctoral degree."

1. MS students who have completed all degree requirements by the deadline specified for May graduation should apply to graduate in May. They may participate in May commencement.
2. MS students who will have all degree requirements by the deadline specified for August or December graduation may participate in May commencement of the same year. That is, August and December graduates have the choice to participate in May commencement either the same calendar year or the following calendar year.

Doctoral Students

1. Doctoral students who have completed all degree requirements, including submission of the dissertation and successful *completion* of internship, by the deadline specified for May graduation should apply to graduate in May. They may participate in May commencement.
2. Doctoral students (1) who have completed all degree requirements with the exception of the internship by the deadline specified for May graduation AND (2) who will complete the internship by August should apply to graduate in August. They may participate in May commencement if and only if the DGS (DCT) verifies to the Graduate School that the student is on track to complete it successfully by the summer graduation deadline. These students may instead choose to participate in the December Hooding ceremony.
3. Doctoral students who have completed all degree requirements, including submission of the dissertation and successful *completion* of internship by the deadline specified for December graduation should apply to graduate in December. They may participate in either the December Hooding ceremony that calendar year or the May commencement ceremony of the following calendar year.

Regarding graduation, clinical psychology students may apply to graduate (assuming completion of all requirements, including the internship) on the regular graduation dates in May, August and December. The Graduate School has also created additional graduation dates for September, October, January and February. See Graduate School Graduation Dates Policy sheet.