

3685 - Commencement Participation Policy – Commencement Committee draft

Commencement ceremonies constitute public acknowledgement that students have completed education requirements of the University. Students are eligible to participate in the first commencement ceremony following the completion of their course of study.

Exceptions to this policy are restricted to mandatory relocation or documented emergency. A student may submit a request for such an exception by submitting a completed [Commencement Participation Petition Form\[w1\]](#) to the Office of the Registrar. Petitions must be submitted at least 4 weeks prior to deadline to register for commencement.

In coordination with the Office of the Registrar, the Faculty Senate Commencement Committee will meet to rule on all submitted petitions for the upcoming ceremony. The Office of the Registrar will then communicate the ruling of the committee via WSU email in time to allow for commencement registration.

Students who successfully petition but then fail to appear must petition again to participate in a subsequent ceremony. The Registrar's Office may choose to adopt, with Faculty Senate approval, an administrative fee to submit a petition starting with a student's second petition.

Regardless of circumstances, no student may participate in a commencement ceremony beyond the fifth year after the completion of their course of study.