

The Graduate Faculty Council passed the following policy at the May meeting.

Could you please add this to the agenda for the next ADAC meeting and get feedback?

Pursuant to ADAC feedback, we will need to share this with the Faculty Senate Chair and Co-Chair in September and request them to advance the policy.

Graduate Early Commencement Policy

Candidates who wish to participate in a spring commencement, prior to completing degree requirements in summer may do so if they meet the following conditions:

- a. Obtain approval from their advisor(s)
- b. Submit a degree application and approved petition form (available in the Dean's office of the student's primary major) by the late application deadline to apply for a degree in the spring semester
- c. Receive permission from the Academic Dean of their college or the Graduate Dean for interdisciplinary programs
- d. All members of the Thesis and Dissertation Committee must be available in the Summer
- e. Show a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 3.00
- f. Must have no outstanding Incomplete grades
- g. Must have been actively enrolled in term prior to request
- h. Only need 3 or fewer credit hours to complete their degree or certificate requirements in the summer
- i. The remaining credit hours are being offered in the upcoming summer schedule of classes
- j. All holds must be cleared according to the summer schedule, e.g. financial, housing, insurance, tuition, or other
- k. A degree audit must be included