

GRADUATION AND COMMENCEMENT

Graduation

Doctoral/Master

Concordia University confers the doctoral and master's degrees on a student of good character who has met the following requirements:

1. accumulated a cumulative minimum grade point average of 3.00 for all academic credit earned at Concordia University;
2. satisfied all program-specific requirements; and
3. met all financial obligations to the University.

Graduation Application

Each candidate for graduation must complete a Graduation Application online by the assigned deadline, prior to commencement. Graduation Application deadline dates are the following:

Fall - October 1

Spring - February 1

Summer - June 1

Graduation Application Eligibility

Students who have applied to graduate but become ineligible (low grade point average, missed prerequisite, did not defend their dissertation, etc.) must contact the Registrar's Office to have their graduation application removed by November 1st for December graduation and April 1st for May graduation. Students must reapply for the appropriate semester.

- Students can only apply to graduate in a given program once.
- Students can only attend one commencement ceremony for a given program.
- Removing ineligible graduates will ensure that a student's name is not inaccurately listed in the commencement bulletin which allows for their name to be included in the correct ceremony.
- Graduate names will only appear in one commencement bulletin for a given program.

Commencement Participation

In order to participate in commencement, the student must have:

- completed all coursework toward the degree (or be currently in or registered for the final class);
- completed the Graduation Application

Students who are enrolled for (their final) six or fewer Concordia credits in the summer or who are registered for a culminating clinical experience in the summer, will be eligible to walk in the May commencement ceremony.

Diploma Covers

Diploma covers are only given at commencement. Students not attending commencement will not receive a diploma cover.

Degree Awarding

Degrees are awarded at the end of each semester and mini-session.

There are 7 degree awarding timeframes found on the Academic Calendar.

Transcripts

An official transcript bears the seal of the University and the signature of the Registrar or his/her representative. Official transcripts may be ordered by students or alumni and can be sent electronically through the National Student Clearinghouse e-transcripts system to institutions or persons considering the applicant for admission or for employment.