

Commencement

C (<http://www.apu.edu/graduation/>)ommencement (<https://www.apu.edu/commencement/>) exercises are held at the end of the fall and spring semesters. The university president, by the authority of the trustees and on the recommendation of the faculty, awards the degrees.

- A student may participate in commencement exercises only if all degree work has been completed, or if no more than 3 units or one course will be taken in a term that begins after the commencement ceremony (the latter is called the “walk-short” policy). Eligibility to participate in commencement will be confirmed by the student's academic records specialist in the Office of the Registrar (<https://www.apu.edu/student-services/registration/>) in the Student Services Center.
- Details regarding the ceremonies are emailed approximately 4-6 weeks prior to commencement to the APU email address of all students who applied for graduation through home.apu.edu (<https://home.apu.edu>).
- To participate in commencement exercises, all university obligations must be resolved no later than three weeks prior to commencement, including the receipt of transcripts (if applicable) and financial clearance (must have a zero account balance).
- Students who disregard the Participation in Commencement Policy and participate in a commencement ceremony fraudulently will not be allowed to participate in future commencement ceremonies and could face sanctions including (but not limited to) suspension from the university, as such actions are considered an academic integrity violation and a student conduct violation.