

University Policy for Participation in the Spring Commencement Ceremony

If an undergraduate student has completed all degree requirements at the end of spring semester, regardless of when the student entered CNU, the student will be eligible to participate in Commencement.

In consideration of students and families who have made prior travel arrangements, effective beginning with the Spring 2012 Commencement Ceremony, the following University policy relates to participation in the Spring Commencement Ceremony:

Students must be enrolled in spring semester so as to have earned at least 120 credits and completed all degree requirements (major, concentration, GPA and/or minor) by the end of that semester to be a 'participant' in Commencement and to have their degree conferred.

At the end of spring semester (after classes and exams have ended), if an undergraduate student falls within three credits of completing all degree requirements (as a result of earning a failing or incomplete grade in an 'in progress' spring semester course or earning a less than minimum required grade in an 'in progress' spring semester course), after final spring semester grades are posted, the Office of the Registrar *may* extend an invitation to the student to participate in the Commencement Ceremony. These students must also have earned at least a 2.0 grade point average (overall and in the major).

Undergraduate students who have met the above criteria may participate in Commencement with the following exceptions:

These students' names will be read as "Student Name--Candidate for Graduation." Honors and other similar designations cannot be recognized until degree completion.

Diplomas cannot be awarded until the student has completed all degree requirements (academic, social and/or financial).

Note: Effective with Spring Semester 2014, in such cases where a student began their academic career at CNU as a first-time freshman and will be completing all degree requirements in less than four years, the student may participate in Commencement if they are within three credit hours of completing all degree requirements. All other conditions described above apply to this exception.