

	<i>Responsible Office or Department:</i>	Deans
	<i>Effective Date:</i>	11/7/2023
<b>Commencement Ceremony Eligibility: Graduate Students</b>		

**PURPOSE:**

To determine which graduate students are eligible to participate in graduate commencement ceremonies.

**SCOPE:**

All students enrolled in NU graduate programs.

**MAIN PROVISIONS:**

Graduate students must meet the following standards to process at the Graduate Commencement ceremony:

1. Have no more than one (1) course not completed; students in programs where a thesis, capstone project or dissertation is required must have successfully completed his/her defense.
2. The student must be registered, or have an Incomplete grade, in the one remaining course.
3. Earned a minimum of a 3.0 grade point average.
4. Complete all required standardized tests or certification requirements as identified by individual programs in the Graduate Catalog.
5. The Provost/Chief Academic Officer may waive these requirements on an individual basis, based on an appeal by a student and/or a dean.

**PROCEDURES:**

Students who have not met the above criteria will not be included in the commencement exercises. The office of the Dean of the student’s college will notify individual students who are not eligible to participate in the commencement ceremonies.

**POLICY HISTORY:**

- Originated: 11/23/2015
- Current Effective Date: 11/23/2015
- Next Review Date: 2026

- Revision/Renewal Log:
  - Reviewed 11/07/2023, no revisions necessary
  - Replaces “Commencement Ceremony Eligibility Policy for Graduate Students”, effective 11-23-2015