COMMENCEMENT AND GRADUATION POLICIES

Awarding Degrees and Ceremonies
UNMC awards degrees in May, August, and December. Formal ceremonies are held in May (Kearney, Norfolk, Lincoln, Omaha, and Scottsbluff) and December (Omaha).

Application
Students intending to graduate are required to complete an Application for Degree; this includes a $50.00 non-refundable/non-transferable fee that covers the cost of the diploma, diploma cover, and posting of the degree. Conferral of degrees cannot be awarded without the completed Application for Degree.

The Application for Degree must be completed and paid online at https://myrecords.nebraska.edu by the following deadlines:

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Attendance
Students graduating in May may only attend the May ceremony and December graduates may only attend the December ceremony. August graduates are invited to attend the December ceremony (see exception below). Dual enrollment students may request the reading of both degrees at the time of the awarding of the last degree.

Students who receive an I (incomplete) or an NR (no report) grade in a course during their final semester will be able to walk at commencement as planned. A diploma will not be issued to any student with an I, NR, or blank grade for any term prior to the current term. Once grades are received from the college or department the diploma can be released. All work must be completed and a grade reported before the deadline to apply for the next graduation cycle. Those not completing work by this date will be required to reapply for graduation at a date subsequent to the completion of all work.

Allied Health
Allied Health students in a program officially completing in August may participate in the May ceremony. Those participating in the May ceremony must apply by the May application deadline. Their names will be noted in the program with an * to indicate August completion.

Attire

All graduating students are required to rent (or purchase) academic attire for ALL UNMC ceremonies (commencement and convocation). Rental and purchase of attire is coordinated through the Academic Records Office. Flowers, sashes, pins, signs or other adornments are not allowed on robes or mortarboards. The only exceptions are professional honor society cords and/or academic honor medallions awarded by UNMC.

Commencement and Convocation ceremony information can be found at https://www.unmc.edu/studentservices/academic-records/commencement/index.html. All other questions can be directed to Barbara Breazeale at 402-559-1946 or bbreazea@unmc.edu.

Returning Student ID Cards
Your Student ID Card remains the property of UNMC and must be surrendered upon graduation or separation. If you do not turn in your ID Card in when picking up your cap & gown, you are required to either:

- Turn it in to the UNMC PhotoID Office in the Student Life Center, Room 1048 or
- Mail it to the UNMC PhotoID Card Office, 984290 Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE 68198-4290.