

Guide to Graduation & 2016 Commencement

UCLA College of Letters & Science

Academic Advancement Program 1205 Campbell Hall
Honors Programs A311 Murphy Hall
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Purpose:

This handout is designed to help you plan your last year at UCLA. It is not intended to be a comprehensive list of all the rules and regulations governing graduation requirements for the College of Letters & Science, nor is it intended to cover every Commencement detail. For more information visit www.college.ucla.edu/commencement or see your College Counselor in an appointment, or attend one of several "iGrad", "iGrad-AAP" or "Queering iGrad" workshops offered by College Academic Counseling (CAC) and the Academic Advancement Program (AAP).

Eligibility:

If you have a declared degree candidacy term of Fall 2015 Winter 2016 Spring 2016 Summer 2016 and have completed 148 units by end of Winter, you are eligible to participate in June Commencement events.

GRADUATION CHECKLIST:

DECLARE/CONFIRM DEGREE CANDIDACY TERM

In order to graduate, you must declare your degree candidacy term on [MyUCLA](#). This information is located at the top of your DPR/DARS. If you do not have a degree expected term listed, or it is inaccurate, you may add or correct it through [MyUCLA](#) (Academics > Academic Profile > Declare Candidacy Term). Or you may complete a degree candidacy form available online at www.registrar.ucla.edu/forms/absentia.pdf. (\$20 fee on BruinBill if done after completion of 160 units). Paper forms must be filed with the Registrar's Office, 1113 Murphy Hall. Please be aware that late changes could jeopardize ticketing and the printing of your name in the College Commencement Program.

CONFIRM SPELLING OF NAME FOR YOUR DIPLOMA AND PROGRAM

Confirm the spelling of your name beginning week 3 of your degree expected term, by using the **Diploma Request** link on [MyUCLA](#). This feature allows you to edit your name and to add special accents and punctuation. If you have a preferred name for the College Commencement Program only, send an email, with subject: NAME UPDATE, to commencement@college.ucla.edu by May 6, 2016.

PRIVACY RESTRICTIONS

If you have "**Do Not Release Any Information**" or "**FERPA RESTRICTION**" at the top of your DPR/DARS, you have a total privacy restriction on your UCLA record. Your name will not be printed in the program and may prohibit the University from providing degree confirmation to future employers. Change your privacy status through [MyUCLA](#) (Settings > Privacy Options). **In order for your name to be printed in the Commencement Program, privacy restrictions must be released by May 6, 2016.**

CONSULT WITH YOUR MAJOR & MINOR DEPARTMENT COUNSELOR

Visit your department counselor and review your major requirements. If you have a minor, visit your department counselor and review your minor requirements. Confirm that your coursework (completed and in progress) will satisfy your remaining major requirements.

CONSULT WITH A COLLEGE COUNSELOR (AAP, Athletics, CAC, or Honors)

Review any outstanding requirements for the College of Letters & Science and the University OR attend an "i-Grad" or "i-Grad AAP" workshop (enroll via the link on [MyUCLA](#)).

IMPORTANT NOTE: If you intend to complete any coursework outside of UCLA, in order to complete your degree, you must consult with your College Counselor to discuss your proposed coursework.

CHECK YOUR LATIN HONORS STATUS

Students who have 90 **graded** UC units (excludes courses taken P/NP) and meet the GPA criteria may be eligible for Latin Honors. If you are a transfer student and meet the GPA criteria but have less than 90 **graded** UC units, see your College Counseling unit.

The list of required GPA criteria appears towards the end of your DPR/DARS. Latin Honors listed in the Commencement Program are calculated based on cumulative GPA including Winter grades. However, the official Latin Honors designation made to your diploma is based on your final grades at the time of degree completion. If you are a Fall 2016 candidate, please check for revised Latin Honors GPA requirements.

SERVICES

Full access to most campus services end upon graduation. Utilize these now to maximize benefit: Career Center and BruinView www.career.ucla.edu and UCLA Financial Wellness Program www.financialwellness.ucla.edu.

COMMENCEMENT CHECKLIST:

SAVE THE DATE: June 10-12, 2016

The College of Letters & Science is hosting two identical ceremonies on Friday, June 10, 2016, at 2:00pm and 7:00pm at Pauley Pavilion (Run time: 2 hours). Graduates participating in the ceremony line up one hour before the start time. Check www.commencement.ucla.edu/schedule/ for Department and Student Celebrations scheduled throughout the weekend.

TICKETS & PARKING

Order Commencement tickets on MyUCLA. Tickets required for entry. 1 ticket for yourself and up to 4 guest tickets. Ticket ordering **April 26 - May 10, 2016**. You will be asked to participate in the Senior Survey (approximately 20 minutes) from the Commencement link on MyUCLA. Responding to the survey triggers your online ticket ordering option. **Pick up ordered tickets with a valid photo ID beginning May 17, 2016** at the James West Alumni Center, Central Ticket Office (CTO hours are M-F 10:00AM - 4:00PM).

PARKING: Order a parking pass for your guests via MyUCLA.

CAP & GOWN, GRAD PHOTOS, INVITATIONS

Ordering begins February 29th at Graduation Etc. on the A-level of Ackerman or online at www.uclastore.com/gradetc. Distribution begins May 23rd, pick-up of Honors cords begins May 31st. Optional senior portraits can be taken for a \$15 sitting fee. Deadline to be in the yearbook is June 3rd (no deadline for senior portraits).

SPECIAL INCLUSION PETITIONS (SIP)

I. You do NOT need to file a SIP to be included in the 2016 College Commencement if you:

- a. Graduated in Fall 2015 or Winter 2016, OR
- b. Have completed 148 units by the end of Winter 2016, and are declared to graduate Spring or Summer 2016.

II. If you do not meet the above criteria but wish to be included in the 2016 College Commencement:

- a. Students with **148 units completed** by the end of Winter 2016 and declared to graduate Fall 2016: file an online SIP on MyUCLA (available April 2016).
- b. Students with **less than 148 units** completed by the end of Winter 2016 and declared to graduate Spring 2016, Summer 2016, or Fall 2016: file a SIP at your College Counseling unit.
- c. The last day to file a SIP **and** have your name appear in the College Commencement Program is **May 2, 2016**.

OTHER QUESTIONS & COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION

Visit the website: www.college.ucla.edu/commencement.

If you have additional questions, email: commencement@college.ucla.edu.

AFTER YOUR FINAL QUARTER CHECKLIST:

CHECK GRADES ON MyUCLA

REVIEW YOUR FINAL RECORD

Make sure that your minors, specializations, revisions in enrollment, grade changes, removal of incompletes, and any transactions are posted accurately. Approximately 5-6 weeks after your degree expected term, your degree is awarded and posted to your transcript. At that point your UCLA record is sealed and **no further changes are possible**.

(OPTIONAL) REQUEST EARLY CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

If you need earlier evidence of your degree, once grades are available but before the degree is posted to your transcript, request an Early Certificate of Completion. www.registrar.ucla.edu/forms/earlycert.pdf No fee for certificate.

OFFICIAL ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPTS

Official academic transcripts may be ordered through MyUCLA once the degree is awarded and posted to the transcript. Allow 6-8 weeks after your final term. No fee for ordering transcripts.

DIPLOMA

Use the **Diploma Request** link on MyUCLA (Academics Tab) beginning the third week of your degree expected term to arrange for the mailing of your diploma (No Fee). Diplomas not mailed will be held for in-person pick-up at 1113 Murphy Hall, no sooner than 2-3 months after the award date. Call the Registrar's Office at (310) 825-8883 for recorded availability information.

IMPORTANT NOTES: (1) Check MyUCLA and resolve any holds that may be on your record to avoid delays. (2) You will get an email when your diploma is ready. (3) Update contact information on MyUCLA.

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If you would like to continue receiving e-mail sent to your @ucla.edu account, you can either switch to Google Apps hosted e-mail (<https://g.ucla.edu/>) or activate the [lifetime e-mail forwarding mechanism](https://logon-asm1.logon.ucla.edu/mailprefs.php) on your account (<https://logon-asm1.logon.ucla.edu/mailprefs.php>). No action required if you are already on Google Apps. Direct any questions to the BOL help desk in Kerckhoff Hall, Suite 124, or call (310) 267-4357.