

Participation in Graduate Commencement

2019-2020 General Academic Proposal/Policy Cover Sheet

General Catalog Information

**** Read before you begin ****

This cover sheet is intended to provide information to members of the Education Policy Committee (EPC) and Faculty Senate about a new proposal/policy or about revisions to an existing proposal/policy.

Topic* Participation in Graduate Commencement

Are you Proposing:*

- New academic policy or regulations .
- Change academic policy or regulations .
- Delete academic policy or regulations

Visit our current catalog [here](#) and paste the policy you're proposing to change or delete below. Then edit it to show the changes. If you are proposing a new policy, enter the text below.

Policy* ~~Students Graduate students who are in good academic standing with the university, have three (3) or fewer academic credits or one course remaining registered for courses which, if successfully completed, will allow them to graduate by the completion end of their degree, and have enrolled in the courses required for graduation for the subsequent summer and/or fall academic semesters terms, and have received approval from the graduate coordinator of their program and the registrar shall be permitted to~~ may participate in the ~~graduation~~ May commencement ceremony of that calendar year. ~~Each~~ Exceptions to this policy must be approved by the applicable graduate program ~~may design requirements to allow students~~ directors.

~~To have their name appear in that the commencement program within 3 credits or one course, such student's Commencement Participation Application (http://www.longwood.edu/registrar/graduation-requirements/) must be received by the Office of graduating who have passed any required comprehensive exams to the Registrar no later than 5pm on April 10. No student may participate in multiple commencement ceremonies for the May ceremony by applying to the Program Coordinator same degree.~~

Diplomas will be mailed to students normally within eight weeks of commencement or the completion of their degree requirements.

Hierarchy Owner*

Longwood University

BACKGROUND

Provide a brief statement describing the origins of this proposal, the nature of the problem it addresses, and the work completed to devise the proposal*

Graduate Council & Graduate Curriculum Committee reviewed a proposal by the MBA program to change the existing policy as MBA students finish in summer each year, but have had to wait until the following May to participate as they had two courses to complete.

SUMMARY

Provide a brief list or statement describing the content of the new policy or the proposed changes or deletions to an existing policy*

~~Graduate students who have registered for courses which, if successfully completed, will allow them to graduate by the end of the subsequent summer terms, may participate in the May commencement ceremony of that calendar year. Exceptions to this~~ The current policy ~~must be approved by the applicable graduate program directors~~ allows one course or 3 credits taken summer or fall and requires Graduate Program Director approval.

~~To have their name appear in the commencement program, such student's Commencement Participation Application (~~
<http://www.longwood.edu/registrar/graduationrequirements/>~~) must~~ The proposed policy allows any coursework that can be received by the Office of the Registrar no later than 5pm on April 10. No student may participate completed in multiple commencement ceremonies summer and only needs Graduate Program Director approval for the same degree.
~~Diplomas will be mailed an exception to students normally within eight weeks of commencement or the completion of their degree requirements that~~ policy.

RATIONALE

Provide a brief statement as to why the new policy, the proposed changes, or the deletion is needed*

This change will allow graduate students who finish in summer, regardless of the number of credits needed, to be able to participate in the May ceremony prior to completion.