

Potential May 2025 Graduates Eligibility

Since the Graduate School is receiving many questions about participating in the May 2025 Commencement Ceremony, we are sending this information to help clarify the details.

You are eligible to participate in the May 2025 Commencement ceremony if you meet the following criteria:

NON-THESIS MASTER'S STUDENTS:

- Approved Program of Study on File with the Graduate School by **February 14, 2025**
- Graduated August 2024 **OR** Fall 2024 **OR** have an approved Spring 2025 'Nomination for Graduation' form on file with the Graduate School by **February 14, 2025**

THESIS MASTER'S STUDENTS:

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- Graduated August 2024 **OR** Fall 2024 **OR** have an approved Spring 2025 'Nomination for Graduation' form on file with the Graduate School by **February 14, 2025**
- 'Request to Schedule an Oral Defense' form approved by the Graduate School by **March 21, 2025**
(NO EXCEPTIONS)
- Successfully defended a thesis by **April 25, 2025**

DOCTORAL STUDENTS:

- Successfully completed both Written and Oral Comprehensive Exams
- Approved Program of Study on File with the Graduate School by **January 24, 2025**
- Graduated August 2024 **OR** Fall 2024 **OR** have an approved Spring 2025 'Nomination for Graduation' form on file with the Graduate School by **January 24, 2025**
- 'Request to Schedule an Oral Defense' form approved by the Graduate School by **March 21, 2025**
(NO EXCEPTIONS)
- Successfully defended a Dissertation by **April 25, 2025**

STUDENTS IN PROGRAMS WITH INTERSHIPS

- Completed all coursework and received an acceptable grade by **May 15, 2025**
- Received a grade to replace any "Incomplete" grades listed on your transcript by **April 15, 2025**
- Passed Comprehensive Exam(s) (if applicable)
- Successfully defended a Dissertation by **April 25, 2025**
- Must complete their internships over the Summer 2025 term (**Students should consult with their Department or the Graduate School regarding their eligibility**)

All degree requirements must be met for degree conferral. Attending December 2024 commencement based on the above requirements does not guarantee degree completion.

This web site will also provide details about the date and time of the ceremony as well as information on how to order your regalia.

If you have any question, contact the Graduate Enrollment Team at gradforms@etal.uri.edu or by phone at (401) 874-2262