

## The Graduation Ceremony

During the fall and spring semesters, the Moody College of Communication holds a graduation ceremony to recognize the degree candidates for that specific semester. Students wishing to participate in the ceremony must apply by the stated deadline during the semester in which they are officially completing their degree requirements, i.e., fall degree candidates will participate during the December ceremony and spring degree candidates will participate in the May ceremony.

While fall graduates may not participate in the Moody College of Communication spring graduation ceremony, they can participate in the separate University-wide Commencement ceremony held at the end of May. For more information on Commencement, visit: [www.utexas.edu/commencement](http://www.utexas.edu/commencement).

Students completing their degree requirements in the summer have the option of “walking the stage” during the spring semester preceding their official graduation or during the fall semester following the summer session (see below on Requesting to Walk).

Note: Students with restricted information who plan to participate in the ceremony will be requested to complete a release form.

## Applying to Graduate

There are two different ways to apply to graduate, the method students use is dependent upon how and when they finish their final degree requirements.

### 1 - Online Graduation Application

Students who will complete all of their degree requirements by the end of the current semester and are enrolled in courses at UT must complete the online Graduation Application by the posted deadline. Notification of the approval or denial of graduation applications will be sent electronically. All approved applicants may participate in the Moody College commencement ceremony. To access the application, use the URL on the reverse side of this brochure.

### 2 - Graduating In Absentia

Students who have completed all of their degree requirements during a previous semester and are not currently registered at UT will need to apply to graduate *in absentia*. Before students can apply to graduate *in absentia* they must have 1) removed all bars from their record; 2) completed all of their course work; and 3) submitted all transcripts for transfer coursework to UT.

Students should contact their advisor to begin the application for the *in absentia* process.

### Requesting to Walk

The Moody College will grant students special permission to participate (walk) in the graduation ceremony if they have met certain conditions:

- Students can walk in the spring graduation ceremony if they are lacking 14 or fewer hours and will complete these degree requirements in the summer OR
- Students can walk in the fall graduation ceremony if they have completed all of their degree requirements in the previous summer.

Students should see their academic advisor to complete a Request to Walk Application (this can't be done online). Note: A request to walk does not substitute for an application to graduate. Students will need to apply to graduate in a subsequent semester when they have completed all of their degree requirements.

### Concurrent Enrollment & Graduation

Students are strongly discouraged from attempting concurrent enrollment during their graduating semester at UT as this may delay their graduation date. Students who need to enroll concurrently during their graduating semester **must** meet with their academic advisor for prior approval.

For more information on concurrent enrollment and graduation, please visit <http://moody.utexas.edu/students/policies/concurrent-enrollment-policy>.

## Tuition Rebate

Students may be eligible for a tuition rebate of up to \$1,000 if, at graduation, they have attempted no more than three semester hours beyond the minimum number of hours required for their degree. For more information and to apply for a tuition rebate, use the URL on the reverse side of this brochure. The deadline to apply for a tuition rebate is the official graduation date.

## Graduating with Honors

To be eligible to graduate with honors, students must have earned a grade point average that is equal to or greater than the specific grade point average set each spring by The University. Graduation with honors is based on the average of all grades earned in courses taken in residence at the University, whether the courses were passed, failed, or repeated.

Students who are graduating with honors will receive their honor cords when they check in at the graduation ceremony. For more information, use the URL on the reverse side of this brochure.

## Communication Career Services

Virtually all career services are available to alumni, including one-on-one career advisement, resume reviews, job posting services, and resume referral services. For more information, please visit: <http://moody.utexas.edu/ccs/alumni>.

## Texas Exes

Learn about the benefits of joining the Texas Exes. For more information, visit: [www.texasexes.org](http://www.texasexes.org).

## Class Ring Ceremonies

The Texas Exes are the keepers of this tradition. Students who have completed 75 hours are eligible to purchase a ring. For more information, please visit: [www.texasexes.org](http://www.texasexes.org).

## Academic Dress, Invitations & Announcements

Academic regalia is traditional for college, school, and department ceremonies as well as the University-wide Commencement. Regalia, printed invitations and announcements are available for purchase from the University Co-Op. For more information, including deadlines to order, please visit: [www.universitycoop.com](http://www.universitycoop.com).

Business casual attire should be worn underneath the regalia.

## Hotel Accommodations/Parking

Please visit our visitor site at <http://www.utexas.edu/visitors/> or contact the Austin Convention and Visitors Bureau at <http://www.austintexas.org> or by telephone at (512) 474-5171 or 866-GO-AUSTIN.

Parking for Commencement activities is free in designated areas on a first-come, first-served basis. On the day of the ceremonies, with the exception of spaces marked "At All Times," all University parking garages and most surface lots are available.

## Graduation Information and Application

<http://moody.utexas.edu/students/graduation-information>

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## APPLICATION DEADLINES

Fall 2016: November 1

Spring 2017: April 3

Summer 2017: July 14

