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Graduate level graduation fee

Current graduation fees (https://www.uwlax.edu/cashiers/tuition-and-billing/tuition-and-fee-information) for graduate students are available in the Cashier’s Office on the current tuition and fee schedule. Students are billed for the graduation fee upon completion of 20 credits toward the master’s degree. This is a one-time fee assessed regardless of whether or not a student chooses to attend the commencement ceremony. There is an additional charge for the keepsake cap, gown, and hood for those attending the ceremony.

Applying for graduation

All students must apply for graduation. Graduate students must apply for graduation in the term in which they will successfully complete the dissertation, thesis, comprehensive exams, terminal internship, or terminal project. Attendance at commencement ceremonies is optional. Graduate students who are enrolled in GRC 798, GRC 799, or any other course in the semester in which the degree will be awarded can electronically apply for graduation through the WINGS Student Center (https://wings.uwlax.edu/psp/csprod/?cmd=login). Students who have completed all required GRC 798 or GRC 799 enrollments in a prior semester must contact directly the Office of Records and Registration (117 Graff Main Hall) to apply for graduation.

Graduate commencement participation

Participation in commencement and hooding exercises signifies that course work and all other degree requirements have been satisfied. Students who have not completed all degree requirements, but have a compelling reason to participate in commencement exercises early, may request permission to do so. Permission must be obtained from their college dean’s office and the Director of Graduate Studies at least a month prior to commencement. Commencement ceremonies occur each year in December and May.

Graduate level honors

Considering the high academic achievement of graduate students and the required minimum 3.00 cumulative grade point average upon graduation, commencement and graduation honors are not calculated for graduate students.

Mailing diplomas

Diplomas are mailed approximately six weeks after the ending date of the semester to the current legal (home) address on the university computer system unless the Office of Records and Registration has been notified differently in writing. All indebtedness to the university must be cleared before a diploma is released.