

Commencement, Degrees Awarded with Distinction

Commencement

WSU holds commencement ceremonies each year in December and in May. All baccalaureate and master's degree candidates for the spring semester are eligible to participate in the May ceremony and all baccalaureate and master's degree candidates for the fall semester are eligible to participate in the December ceremony. Baccalaureate and master's degree candidates for the summer semester are eligible to participate in either the preceding May or following December ceremony.

Doctoral degree candidates are only eligible to participate in a ceremony after all requirements for their degree have been successfully completed (May or December). Summer Doctoral graduates are not eligible to participate in the preceding May ceremony, but may participate in the following December ceremony.

More information may be found at the WSU commencement website (<https://wichita.edu/commencement>).

Diplomas are available for distribution approximately seven weeks following the close of a given semester. Degree recipients may obtain their diplomas from the registrar's office. Diplomas will be mailed from that office upon a written, signed request that includes the name and student identification number of the degree recipient, the complete address where the diploma is to be mailed, the appropriate mailing fee (\$7 inside USA; \$40 outside USA), and a readable copy of the degree recipient's driver's license or other government issued photo ID.

Academic Distinction

Degrees are conferred with distinction upon students who have shown excellence in scholarship during their academic career, as evidenced by both their overall GPA and their institutional GPA. The minimum standard for graduating *summa cum laude* is an overall and institutional grade point average of 3.900. The minimum standard for graduating *magna cum laude* is an overall and institutional grade point average of 3.550. The minimum standard for graduating *cum laude* is an overall and institutional grade point average of 3.250. These grade point averages are frozen at the time of graduation.