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Purpose

This policy will define when commencement ceremonies are held, when students must apply to participate in a commencement ceremony, and how summer graduates can participate in commencement. Additionally, issues of degree conferral, graduation fees, and honors as they relate to commencement are addressed.

Policy

Degrees are conferred at the end of each term, and commencement exercises are held at the end of spring and fall terms. Students completing degree requirements in summer have the option to participate in the preceding spring or following fall ceremonies. Those who wish to walk early in the preceding spring must apply by March 15. Those who wish to walk in the following fall must apply by October 15. Participation in the graduation ceremony does not constitute conferral of degree. The graduation fee is assessed whether or not the student plans to participate in commencement exercises. Graduation honors for the commencement program will be determined prior to final term grades per Northwest's Honor Roll and Graduation Honors Policy.