

UNMC Commencement/Graduation Policies

UNMC awards degrees in May, August and December. Formal ceremonies are held in May (Kearney, Norfolk, Lincoln, Omaha and Scottsbluff) and December (Omaha).

Application

Students intending to graduate are required to complete an Application for Degree; this includes a \$25.00 nonrefundable/nontransferable fee that covers the cost of the diploma, diploma cover, and posting of the degree. Conferral of degrees cannot be awarded without the completed Application for Degree.

The Application for Degree must be completed and paid online at <https://net.unmc.edu/care> or in the office of Academic Records, Student Life Center by the following deadlines:

Application for Degree Deadlines

<u>Graduation Date</u>	<u>Application Deadline</u>	<u>Fee</u>
May	February 1- midnight	\$25.00
August	June 1- midnight	\$25.00
December	October 1- midnight	\$25.00

Attendance

Students graduating in May may only attend the May ceremony and December graduates may only attend the December ceremony. August graduates are invited to attend the December ceremony (see exception below). Dual enrollment students may request the reading of both degrees at the time of the awarding of the last degree.

Students who receive an incomplete or an NR in a course during their final semester will be able to walk at commencement as planned. A diploma will not be issued until the completion of all course requirements. All work must be completed and a grade reported before the deadline to apply for the next graduation cycle. Those not completing work by this date will be required to reapply for graduation at a date subsequent to the completion of all work.

Allied Health

Allied Health students in a program officially completing in August may participate in the May ceremony. Those participating in the May ceremony must apply by the May application deadline. Their names will be noted in the program with an * to indicate August completion.

Attire

All graduating students are required to rent (or purchase) academic attire for ALL UNMC ceremonies (commencement and convocation). Rental and purchase of attire is coordinated through Academic Affairs Student Services. Flowers, sashes, pins, signs or other adornments are not allowed on robes or mortarboards. The only exceptions are professional honor society cords and/or academic honor medallions.

Commencement and Convocation ceremony information can be found at <http://unmc.edu/studentervices/graduation.htm>. All other questions can be directed to Barbara Breazeale at 402-559-1946 or bbreazea@unmc.edu.