

Petition to Walk at Commencement Out of Term Policy
(formerly the Commencement Walking Policy)

Purpose and Function:

Students who are not eligible to graduate may request permission from the advisor and department chair/school director to participate in the University Commencement Ceremony if they have successfully completed all but six (6) credit hours of coursework as well as all other University and degree graduation requirements. The uncompleted six (6) credit hours cannot include a Professional Contribution, thesis, doctoral project, or culminating experience. Students must first seek approval from the advisor who will verify that the student is in good academic standing. The advisor will then forward the verification to the department chair/school director for final approval.

Definition:

This policy is effective for the 2025 Commencement Ceremony.

Procedures:

Students can initiate the process by completing the Petition to Walk at Commencement Out of Term Form and submitting initially to the advisor.

[Petition to Walk at Commencement Out Term Form](#)

History:

2025-03-19 - The Academic Council voted unanimously to recommend to the President of the University the revisions to this policy and the change of title to the policy.

2025-03-24- The President of the University approved of these revisions as recommended by the Academic Council at their March 21, 2025 meeting.