Graduation Information Presentation

Graduate School
Welcome

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Please read the following slides for information on graduation.
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Graduation vs Commencement
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- Graduation is the process of being awarded a degree.

- An Application for Graduate degree must be submitted and University degree requirements must be met by posted deadlines to graduate.

Although graduation and commencement are corresponding events, they are not the same. You must apply for graduation to participate in commencement.
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• Commencement is the ceremony held at the end of each spring and fall semester to recognize the attainment of a degree.

• Only students who have applied for graduation may participate in commencement.

• A final degree audit must be completed after final grades post and before the degree is awarded and you officially graduate.
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Graduation Forms

The following is a brief summary of forms required for graduation.
Degree candidates are required to submit the following forms:

- Application for Graduate Degree
- Final Degree Plan
- Completion/Defense Form
Doctoral Degree candidates are also required to submit the following:

- Biographical Sketch
- Survey of Earned Doctoral Degrees *(Ph.D. degree recipients only)*
Forms

• Graduate School website:

http://graduate.utep.edu

Thesis and Dissertation Guidelines are also included on this page.
Graduation forms are located at the Graduate School website under:

- **Current Students**
  - **Forms**

Forms can be filled online and printed for graduate advisor, thesis/non-thesis/dissertation committee, and college dean signature approvals.
Forms

Application for Graduate Degree

Required Information
- Degree Information
- Title of thesis/dissertation
- Scheduled Defense Date
- Committee members printed names
- Graduate Advisor Approval
- College Dean approval

Make sure the application includes all required information!
Only include courses that apply towards your degree – do not include PE courses or courses with W or F grades.

The Final Degree Plan is a list of courses that make up your degree.

The Final Degree Plan should ONLY include courses that are part of your degree.

Total courses/hours listed should equal total degree requirements.

Example:
30 hours = 10 courses
36 hours = 12 courses
All students are required to submit a Defense or Completion Form.

The form requires program graduate advisor and college dean signature approval.

*Some programs submit completion results directly to the Graduate School. Please check with your program.
A similar notification will be sent after the Graduate School approves your application. Please read carefully – important information included.
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Graduation Deadlines

The following provides information on graduation deadlines
Graduation Deadlines

- Master’s Degree Candidates
- Doctoral Degree Candidates

Click on either link to view Graduation Deadlines.
The following provides information on commencement.
Commencement

• Ceremonies held at the end of the spring and fall semesters to recognize the attainment of a degree.

• Only students who have applied for graduation may participate in commencement.
**MarchingOrder**

You will be required to register at this website if you wish to participate in commencement **and** Pre-Commencement.

Only students who have applied for graduation will have access to this website.

E-mails will be sent in a couple of weeks to *approved degree applicants* with instructions on accessing the website and registering for participation in Commencement and Pre-Commencement.

*MarchingOrder is the vendor UTEP uses to help coordinate commencement*
Pre-Commencement

- Pre-Commencement is a College event.
- Pre-Commencement is not a Graduate School Event.
- Check with the Office of your respective College Dean for information on Pre-Commencement activities.
Your name will not appear in the program if you have a Confidential Indicator on your records. Check with the Records Office to remove the confidential indicator.
Summer Candidates

Your name will appear in the Fall program even if you have obtained permission to participate in spring commencement.
Commencement

9:00 a.m. – College of Liberals Arts

2:00 p.m. – Colleges of Business Administration, Education & School of Nursing

7:00 p.m. – Colleges of Engineering, Science & Health Sciences

Refer to Graduation Deadlines for Commencement Dates
Commencement

- Report at least two hours before your scheduled ceremony.
- Check-in takes place in the Auxiliary Gym located next to Memorial Gym.
Commencement

Early check-in is encouraged because photographers will be available to take graduation photographs in Memorial Gym.
Locate the Graduate School table to pick up your Commencement Reader Name Card.

Proceed to Memorial Gym to form a line in preparation to enter the Don Haskins Center.
Commencement

Graduate and Doctoral students march in as “The Graduate School” so form a line behind the Graduate School banner.
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Diploma Information

The following is important information regarding your diploma.
Diploma lists earned degree & major

Transcript lists degree and major and, if applicable, concentration
All Diplomas are mailed approximately 90 days after degree conferral.

If you prefer to pick up the diploma instead of having it mailed, indicate this by writing “Will Pick Up” on the address line in the Graduation Application.
Students who list an international address on the graduation application will be assessed an additional $50 Diploma Mailing Fee. This fee covers expenses for mailing the diploma outside the United States.

Contact the Records Office if you wish to make other delivery arrangements.
The “Diploma Name” is the name on record in UTEP’s student information system (Goldmine).

The diploma is a legal record so the diploma name must match the Goldmine name.

Requests to alter or change your name on the graduation application will not be honored.

Please visit the Records Office for information on filing a name change.

Pay special attention to this information regarding your “Diploma Name.”
It is your responsibility to verify that the Diploma Mailing Address (DP) and Official Name listed in UTEP’s student information system (Goldmine) is correct.

Contact the Records Office if changes to your Mailing Address or Official Name are required.

Records Office
Transcripts or diplomas will not be issued if you have an outstanding financial obligation to the University. Contact Student Business Services or Financial Aid for more information.

Office of Financial Aid

Student Business Services
Please address all inquiries regarding transcripts and diplomas to the Records Office
APOSTILLE CERTIFICATION WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

Information on Apostille

Please contact the Records Office for information on apostille certification of your diploma.
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Other Important Information

The following provides additional information on Commencement.
Preparing for Graduation

Use this link to obtain detailed information on graduation.
Commencement regalia, graduation announcements and invitations, class ring, etc. can be obtained at the **UTEP Bookstore**
Honor’s designation is not available at the graduate level. Master and Doctoral students at The University of Texas at El Paso are required to maintain a 3.0 Cumulative Grade Point average to be eligible for graduation.
Roll to History and Graduation

Final grades are available nine days after Commencement during spring and fall semesters and approximately four days after summer degree conferral date.

Degrees are posted on the transcript approximately 30 days after degree conferral.

Diplomas are mailed approximately 90 days after degree conferral.
If you do not meet degree requirements, please notify the Graduate School as soon as possible so we can reactivate your student record; otherwise, you will not be able to register.

Send e-mail notification to the Graduate School requesting the withdrawal of your graduation application.
University policy does not allow us to defer the graduation application. If you do not graduate, you are required to re-apply for graduation.

Graduation fees will be refunded.
If you wish to pursue another program of study or continue taking courses after graduation, you need to re-apply for admission to the Graduate School.
Congratulations!
Your fall 2013 master's or doctoral degree has been awarded.

Transcripts with the posted degree can be ordered from the Records Office using the following link – www.utep.edu/records or (915) 767-7159.

Diplomas will be mailed in approximately ninety days to your Diploma Mailing Address as indicated on your Gradtime account. For international addresses, please contact the Records Office to make alternative mailing arrangements.

All inquiries regarding diplomas or transcripts should be directed to the Records Office – www.utep.edu/records or (915) 767-7159.

It has been a pleasure serving you and I hope you consider continuing your education at UTEP. Information on the many master's and doctoral programs offered at UTEP can be found on the Graduate School web site at http://graduate.utep.edu/

As a final note, please visit the UTEP Office of Alumni Relations so you can stay connected to the Miner community at http://alumni.utep.edu/

Let me know if I may be of further assistance and again, congratulations and continued success.

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You will receive a similar notification from the Graduate School once your degree is posted on the transcript.

Yippee!
I graduated!!!
Please conduct a thorough review of your transcript!

- Your degree cannot be awarded if you have any of the following grades on the final transcript:
  - P – in Progress Grade
  - I – Incomplete Grade
  - N – No Grade Assigned
- Consult with the Instructor of record and request that he/she submit a Grade Change Authorization Form to the Records and Registration Office.

It is extremely important that you review your transcript. You will not graduate as long as you have I, N or P grades on the final transcript!
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