

APPLICATION FOR GRADUATION

Each candidate for graduation must file in the Graduate Office an Application for Graduation Form by the date specified in the academic calendar. Any student who fails to graduate after applying for graduation at a specified time must file a new application to graduate at a subsequent time.

Graduation under a Specific Bulletin

The student may elect to graduate under the bulletin in force at the time of his or her initial matriculation in the Graduate School, provided that the bulletin was not issued more than six (6) years (seven (7) years for doctoral programs) prior to the date of the student's graduation. The student is required to indicate in his/her application for graduation the bulletin under which the student proposes to graduate and must meet the requirements in that bulletin.

Commencement Convocation

All graduating students shall participate in the commencement exercises. Only students who have completed all requirements for the degree can participate in the commencement exercises.

Financial Clearance

Students who are indebted to the University will not be allowed to participate in commencement exercises. Such obligations include traffic and parking fines, library fines, housing fees, and any miscellaneous fees. Students who are uncertain concerning the status of their indebtedness should check with the Bursar's Office prior to final examinations. If there is a dispute concerning payment of a bill, receipts should be presented to verify payment.

Graduation Fees

The graduation fee for graduate students is \$50.00. Additional processing fees including processing fees for thesis or dissertation may apply. Graduation fees are subject to change. Fees are due and payable at the time of one's application for graduation.

Commencement

Commencement exercises are held each year in May and in December for students who qualify for graduation from Texas Southern University. All such students are expected to participate in one of these two exercises as appropriate. Juris Doctoral and other graduate students who are within six hours of completing their degree requirements and/or completion of required examination as well as Doctor of Pharmacy students who are within two advanced pharmacy practice experiences (APPEs) and/or completion of required examinations are eligible to participate in May commencement.

Commencement is a solemn and special occasion in the lives of students, and they are expected to behave in a manner commensurate with the magnitude of the occasion. While attending commencement exercises, students and their guests are expected to maintain decorum that is reasonable and befitting of a public event of special significance. Because commencement exercises are formal events, graduates are expected to abide by the University's policy on appropriate attire that is announced in advance of the ceremonies.