

# Commencement Ceremony Participation Request

Use this form to request participation in the May commencement ceremony if you completed your degree program in the previous December or will complete your degree program in either June or August. Please verify that you meet the criteria for participation in advance of your graduation term (found on the back of this form).



**\*\*This Form is for December, June and August Graduates Only\*\***

<b>1 Student Information</b>			
Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	AU ID#:
Anticipated Graduation Semester	Visa Status	AU Email	
I plan to participate in the May _____ commencement ceremony. Degree: JD <input type="radio"/> LLM <input type="radio"/> MLS			
I am registered for the summer term to complete my final credits ( <b>maximum 8 credits for JD/LLM students; 6 credits for MLS students</b> )		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	I am aware that my name <b>will not be listed in the commencement program</b> until next year's ceremony if I am a summer graduate <b>Please initial here:</b>
NOTE: If changing mailing address within 6 weeks after the ceremony, students must change the default mailing address shown on the graduation application to the new address or to a permanent home address.		Students <b>must</b> submit an application for graduation for the term in which they complete degree requirements, regardless of commencement participation. The graduation application is available via <a href="#">Eagle Service</a> . If graduating with two degrees, an application is required for each one.	

<b>2 Approval is Required By Necessary Staff</b>	
Students on an F-1 or J-1 Visa must have an ISSS signature.	
Dean of Students and/or Director of Graduate Studies (Please Print)	Date
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Student (Please Print)	Student Signature	Date
ISSS if applicable (Please Print)	ISSS Signature (if applicable)	Date
Registrar's Office (Please Print)	Registrar's Office Signature	Date

Signed form must be submitted to the WCL Office of the Registrar  
via email at [registrationservices@wcl.american.edu](mailto:registrationservices@wcl.american.edu)

## Graduation and Commencement

American University Washington College of Law confers degrees at the end of each fall, spring, and summer term. The Commencement ceremony is held in May to recognize JD, LLM, SJD and MLS candidates.

Additional information about graduation and commencement ceremonies can be found on [AUWCL's commencement page](#):

### Eligibility to Participate in Commencement

Participation in the commencement ceremony does not itself constitute conferral of a degree, nor does it imply an obligation on the part of the university to award the degree before all requirements have been met and certified.

**All coursework and all other degree requirements must be completed prior to the degree conferral date for the graduation term. A degree cannot be conferred unless all coursework has received a final grade. Students participating in exchange programs in their final semester must complete all work and the term at the visited institution must be over prior to the date of the American University Washington College of Law degree conferral date.**

**Juris Doctor (JD) and Master of Laws (LLM)** degree students who have met all other university requirements for their degree, but lack 8 or fewer credit hours maximum may participate in commencement activities if they have a current GPA of 3.0 or above, and have enrolled in the summer following May commencement for the courses needed to complete their degree requirements.

**Master of Legal Studies (MLS)** degree students who have met all other university requirements for their degree but lack 6 or fewer credit hours maximum may participate in commencement activities with the approval of the Director of Online Learning.

**Doctoral (SJD)** degree students must complete all degree and university requirements and be cleared for graduation in order to participate in commencement.

Regardless of the number of credit hours needed to finish their program at AUWCL, international students enrolled at AUWCL as part of a dual degree or joint degree program under a Memorandum of Agreement with another institution may participate in the commencement ceremonies prior to returning to their home institution to complete their degree requirement.

Students who are completing degree requirements after the commencement ceremony per the terms listed above, but who wish to participate in a commencement ceremony must petition using the Commencement Ceremony Participation Request Form. If given permission to participate, those students' names will not appear in the current commencement program, but will appear in the program for the following year.

The university strictly enforces this policy for attending commencement. Students planning to graduate at a particular time are responsible for maintaining an appropriate course load and completing degree requirements in time to be eligible for their targeted graduation.