

Graduation Policy

Nazareth University graduates students 3 times per year – May, December and August. A student may only graduate on the official graduation dates as listed in the Academic Calendar. The Registration and Records Office is responsible for the certification and production of diplomas for the University.

I. Undergraduate Degree Graduation Requirements

- a. In order to graduate with a BA, BS, BFA or BM a student must satisfactorily meet the minimum program requirements for the degree they are seeking. All grades must be recorded and any outstanding Incomplete (I or IP) grades must be resolved.
- b. The minimum University requirement of a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 must be met.
- c. The minimum NY state requirements of 120 credits hours must be reached.

II. Graduate Degree Graduation Requirements

- a. In order to graduate with a MA MS, MM, MPH or DPT a student must satisfactorily meet the minimum program requirements for the degree they are seeking. All grades must be recorded and any outstanding Incomplete (I or IP) grades must be resolved.
- b. The minimum University requirement of a cumulative GPA of a 3.0 must be met.

All Nazareth coursework must be completed and graded within 5 business days of the semester grading deadline in order to receive a diploma in that term. All official academic transcripts and records for transfer of credit supporting degree completion must be received by the Office of Records and Registration at Nazareth within 10 business days from the last date of the semester at the institution from which the credit is transferring, and no later than 20 business days after the Nazareth diploma date for that semester.

III. Participation in Commencement

Commencement at Nazareth University is held annually in May. Students who complete all requirements at the end of the Spring semester are automatically eligible to participate in the commencement ceremonies. If a student can reasonably complete requirements by the end of the following summer or fall semesters they may request to walk in the earlier May ceremony. They may also elect to wait until the following ceremony if they wish. A student may only walk and have their name listed in the program once. To request to participate in a commencement

ceremony prior to the completion of a degree, please complete the Petition to Walk form and submit it to the Registration and Records Office.

Students enrolled in combined undergraduate/graduate degree programs are eligible to participate in commencement only if conferral of a bachelor's degree at the conclusion of the undergraduate phase is built into their combined program.

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