What are Graduation Deadlines?

Each semester a final deadline is set by the Registrar’s Office and the Deans’ Offices in consultation with Institutional Research, Assessment, and Planning. This date is the last date the University will process a student’s clearance for graduation and is approximately 3 weeks after commencement. This date is a **HARD DEADLINE** because the University must report the number of our graduates to the UNC System (as well as other reporting agencies). This information is then used in our funding formula. If a student’s degree is awarded after the date we report our number to UNC-GA, we DO NOT receive credit for this graduation.

So what is back graduation?

A student may be graduated after the deadline (i.e., “back” to the previous term) if the University is at fault for not posting their graduation on-time. This does **NOT** include the following reasons:

- The student did not contact the appropriate office to clear graduation shortages on time
- The receipt of transcripts from other institutions, including international institutions after the deadline
- A grade of “Incomplete” that was completed after the deadline
- The student did not apply to graduate

A student who does not meet the deadline to graduate will have to contact the graduation unit in the Registrar’s Office (262-2051 or graduation@appstate.edu) to withdraw their application for that term. After the application has been withdrawn, the student MUST REAPPLY for graduation for the next term whether they are registered for classes that semester or not. Failure to apply to graduate means the student will not be processed for graduation checkout.

May 2018 Graduation Information

May graduation application information was e-mailed to students’ appstate.edu e-mail account on August 27, 2017. Graduation Applications were due by 5:00 Friday, September 29, 2017. The system is open again for late applicants.

May 2018 Commencement

Ceremony held in Holmes Convocation Center unless otherwise noted

**Friday, May 11, 2018**
- 11:00 Reich College of Education
- 2:00 Hayes School of Music (Rosen Concert Hall)
- 5:00 Beaver College of Health Sciences

**Saturday, May 12, 2018**
- 9:00 College of Fine & Applied Arts
- 1:00 Walker College of Business
- 5:00 College of Arts & Sciences

Processionals for each ceremony begins 15 minutes prior to the listed start time.