

GRADUATION

Each student should meet with his/her academic advisor at regular intervals to ensure progress toward graduation. All bachelor's and associate's degrees require that a student submit a graduation application (available at <https://www.dixie.edu/graduation/>) according to the published deadlines. To graduate, a student must fulfill all applicable program and institutional requirements and have no outstanding debts to the college.

Commencement exercises are held once each academic year immediately following the end of Spring Semester. All students who have graduated during that academic year (July 1 – June 30) are eligible to participate. In addition, students planning to graduate at the end of Summer Semester are invited to participate in the commencement exercises immediately prior to that Summer Semester. This option is only available to students with 12 or fewer credits remaining after Spring Semester to fulfill requirements.

Graduation Application Process (must be completed by the deadlines listed below):

1. Complete the online graduation application and print a copy.
2. Schedule a graduation appointment with your academic advisor. Bring the printed copy of your application to your appointment. Failure to meet with your advisor may delay your graduation and prevent your name from appearing in the commencement program.
3. At the scheduled appointment, you and your advisor will complete a degree audit and review your academic progress, including discussing any remaining requirements and/or responsibilities needed to complete the graduation process.
4. Pay non-refundable graduation fee (\$35) at the Cashier's Office once the Registrar's Office has approved your graduation application.
 - a. Graduation fee must be paid as soon as possible. An outstanding balance will prevent future registration or access to transcripts, so pay this fee as soon as it is posted.
 - b. If you do not complete the requirements within 30 days after the end of the semester for which you applied to graduate, a new application will be required and an additional fee will be assessed.
 - i. If you apply to graduate with the same degree at the end of next semester, a \$10 reapplication fee will be assessed.
 - ii. All other reapplications will be assessed a new \$35 graduation fee.

Graduation Application Deadlines:

- To graduate at the end of **Fall Semester**: Application must be complete -- student has applied online and met with advisor by October 1st.
- To graduate at the end of **Spring Semester**: Application must be complete -- student has applied online and met

with advisor by February 1st.

- To graduate at the end of **Summer Semester** and participate in commencement exercises after Spring Semester – Application must be complete -- student has applied online and met with advisor by **February 1st**. **NOTE:** *Students graduating after Summer Semester must have fewer than 12 credits remaining at the end of Spring Semester in order to participate in commencement. Students using this option will not be considered for honors or Latin honors until the next commencement at the end of the following Spring semester.*
- To graduate at the end of **Summer Semester** and be eligible to participate in commencement exercises after the NEXT Spring Semester – Application must be complete -- student has applied online and met with advisor by **May 1st**.

Students applying to receive a general associate's degree (AA/AS) should contact the Academic Advisement Office for a graduation appointment. *See Academic Advisement section in this catalog.*

Students applying to receive any bachelor's degree (BS/BA), a specialized associate's degree (Business, Criminal Justice, etc.), or an associate's degree in applied science (AAS) should contact an Academic Advisor in their program for a graduation appointment.

Honors

Honors are awarded in conjunction with associate and baccalaureate degrees and are based on cumulative GPA. Baccalaureate honors are called "Latin Honors." Credits contributing toward minimum GPA and credit standards for honors may not be acquired through examination, prior experiential learning, or petition.

Latin Honors

Students who have or will have completed a minimum of 48 credits at Dixie State College at the time of graduation with a baccalaureate degree are eligible for Latin honors according to the following standards:

- Summa cum laude shall be granted to those students whose cumulative GPA is at least 3.95.
- Magna cum laude shall be granted to those students whose cumulative GPA is at least 3.80.
- Cum laude shall be granted to those students whose cumulative GPA is at least 3.65.

Associate Degree Honors

Students who have or will have completed a minimum of 30 credits at Dixie State College at the time of graduation with an associate degree are eligible for honors according to the following standards:

- High honors are awarded to students whose cumulative GPA is at least 3.75.
- Honors are awarded to students whose cumulative GPA is at least 3.50.

Valedictorian / Student Speaker

The college valedictorian will be selected from among the top honors graduates, as determined by GPA, in each baccalaureate program during the current academic year. Eligibility to be valedictorian is limited to graduation applicants who have already completed 48 credits at Dixie State College. If two or more graduates in a major have the same GPA, the academic department will be asked to select one candidate for valedictorian. For the purposes of valedictorian selection, each major will include all subsidiary emphases and secondary education teaching graduates. Valedictorian candidates may be required to submit an application and complete a personal interview. Academic Council has final approval of the valedictorian.

The student speaker will be selected from among the top 1% of honors graduates, determined by GPA, of those graduating with an associate degree in the current academic year. Eligibility to be student speaker is limited to graduation applicants who have already completed 30 credits at Dixie State College. Student speaker candidates may be required to submit an application and complete a personal interview. Academic Council has final approval of the student speaker.

Documents to consult for further information:

- **Program requirements in the College catalog.**
- **Institutional requirements in the Graduation Policy (5-20) at <http://www.dixie.edu/humanres/polstu.html>.**

