Participation in Plymouth State University's Commencement Ceremonies

A student's eligibility to participate (walk) in the PSU Commencement ceremony is determined separately from the completion of their degree requirements.

In order to participate in our May Commencement ceremony, an active matriculated (degree-seeking) students must:

1. Submit a Graduation Application (https://www.plymouth.edu/registrar/graduation/#GraduationApplications) no later than the first Friday in February of the ceremony year. The registrar's office must review and approve all submitted applications.
    a. Late applications will be accepted, but one's ceremony eligibility will not be guaranteed.
2. Not have participated in any previous Plymouth State University Commencement Ceremony for this degree.
3. Fall into one of the following categories:
    a. Have already graduated the previous June, August, December*, or January.
    b. Will complete all requirements by the end of the Spring semester in order to graduate in May.
    c. Have **_nine or fewer credits remaining_** to finish all degree requirements. Along with the application, **_submit a proposal_** detailing the plan to complete all outstanding requirements by August of that commencement year to the registrar's office.
        i. Students who seek to attend the ceremony prior to having all requirements completed will have their application and proposal reviewed after the February deadline and will be informed of their status by the first Monday in March.
        ii. Students who are approved and choose to participate prior to completing all degree requirements are responsible for following through with paperwork and responding to emails in a timely manner.

   *Students who complete in December are invited to attend the ceremony the following May.

Exception: education majors who complete all degree requirements *except for student teaching* by the end of the spring semester, and who will be student teaching during the subsequent Fall semester, are eligible to participate in the May Ceremony.

Student names will be printed in the Commencement program the same year they participate, provided the Graduation Application was submitted with sufficient time for inclusion in the program.

Graduating students can visit plymouth.edu/commencement to access Commencement ceremony information.

Please note: there is a distinction between applying to graduate and participating in the Commencement ceremony. The student is graduated only after the Registrar's office has certified successful completion of all degree and graduation requirements. Participating in the Commencement ceremony is a celebration of academic achievement. The Commencement ceremony is held once a year in May.