

Graduation Frequently Asked Questions

Q. I have successfully completed the requirements for my program, do I have to apply to graduate?

A. Yes! All students must apply to graduate and can do so via their <u>UR Self-Service</u> Account. Please refer to the online <u>Student Guide</u> for important details prior to applying.

Q. When can I graduate?

A. There are two (2) convocation ceremonies per year: one in the spring and one in the fall. Students can apply for graduation during the following application submission windows:

- August 1 to January 31 in order to be presented at the Spring Convocation ceremony in June.
- February 1 to July 31 in order to be presented at the Fall Convocation ceremony in October.

Q. I am applying to graduate with more than one credential. What is the process and policy regarding concurrent and additional programs?

A. It is important that you have been formally admitted to <u>all programs</u> you are applying to graduate from well in advance of completing the requirements. This is to ensure you meet all of the admission requirements to be admitted to the program to begin with. If you are seeking more than one credential in your home faculty, set up a meeting to discuss this with your academic advisor. If you are seeking a second credential in a different faculty you must <u>complete a formal application</u>. Once you are admitted to the program in the student information system, you will be able to see the programs you can apply to graduate from in your <u>UR Self-Service</u> account.

Q. I am interested in Graduation Photos, when can I expect to hear details about sign-up?

A. Graduation photo details for Luther students will be shared once the graduation application window closes. For students who have applied to graduate at Spring Convocation, you will receive information about your photo options in early February, following the January 31 application deadline. Students who finished in December but plan to cross the stage at Spring convocation, will also receive their grad photo information at this time. Students who are graduating in the fall, will receive their information with photo instructions in August, following the July 31 deadline for Fall Convocation applications.

Q. Will an outstanding financial account balance prevent me from receiving my parchment?

A. Yes! Please ensure you do not have any outstanding account balances. Students with outstanding balances will be not be issued their parchments or any other confirmation documents, such as letters of program completion and transcripts (official and unofficial) until account balances have been paid in full. You can view your account in <u>UR Self-Service</u>.

Q. What is the Graduate Retention Program (GRP)?

A. The Graduate Retention Program is offered through the Government of Saskatchewan and provides a rebate up to \$20,000 of tuition fees paid by eligible graduates who live in Saskatchewan and who file a Saskatchewan income tax return. If you select "Yes" on your graduation application, the University of Regina will apply on your behalf. Refer to the <u>Graduate Retention Program</u> page for more information.

Q. Why should I keep my address and contact information up to date post-graduation?

A. One important reason to continue to keep your personal information, including address and contact information accurate and up to date, is so the University can enroll you in the Graduate Retention Program (see above) after your degree, diploma, or certificate has been conferred. Any changes to a mailing address or preferred email address, after December 31 of the year you graduated, will not be reflected in this transfer of information, and it will be your responsibility to update your contact information <u>directly</u> with the Government.

Furthermore, as an alum of Luther College and the University of Regina, you will receive copies of our alumni magazines and other special invitations and offers.