

Proposal to Change the University Academic Calendar for 2013-14 and Forward

Recommendation to be made concerns:

1. That the already approved graduation applications deadlines for graduate degrees in the published University Academic Calendar be changed
2. That new graduation application deadline policy be placed in Senate Rule 5.4.1.1

Rationale on change from day count to permanent dates in the University Calendar and in the Graduate Bulletin:

The Graduate School has moved to an online degree application procedure in myUK. The APAT Student Lifecycle Management Team has informed the Graduate School there must be particular dates to open and close the online application. The old rule of applying 30 days in the beginning of the semester and 15 days in the summer session was causing some confusion, and programming these dates was difficult, with a slightly different date every term and year. The Graduate School has chosen set permanent dates that are close to the 30-day marks of past practice for December and May degrees and to set one in June that is close to the 15-day marker of past practice for August degrees.

[NOTE: the 30-day rule and the 15 day rule are located in the Graduate Bulletin, page 43.]

Rationale for adding an additional, early deadline for August degrees:

We are also requesting to add an addition degree application deadline in April for August degrees. We are doing this so that the early degree list can be approved by both University Senate (in May) and the Board of Trustees (in June). In so doing, the Graduate School and the Registrar will be able to post earned degrees on the transcripts of all students who have completed all degree requirements after the last day of the Summer Session II in early August. This earlier approval of August degrees will help students who need the posted degree in order to secure their employment with public schools, government agencies, or to sit licensure examinations before beginning employment.

We will continue to have a second degree application deadline in the middle of June for degrees to be awarded with August dates, approved by University Senate and the Board of Trustees in September. These August degrees will continue to be posted in September, after approval by the BOT. The new application deadlines diagrammed below:

Deadline for submission of the online degree application for graduate degrees:

*Fall	(September 20th)	December degree
*Spring	(February 20th)	May degree
**Early Summer	(April 15 th)	August degree, posted to transcript in August
*Summer	(June 20th)	August degree, posted to transcript in September

Recommendation: That the indicated changes be made to the University Academic Calendar deadlines for graduate degrees

Recommended Changes to the Academic Calendar for spring 2013-14:

Keep as is:

February 20 – Thursday – Last day to submit application for degree (graduate school) to receive a May (spring) 2014 degree

Recommended Changes to the Academic Calendar for 4 Week Summer Term 2013-14:

Add:

April 15 – Tuesday – Last day to submit application for degree (Graduate School) to receive an August 2014 degree

Recommended Changes to the Academic Calendar for 8 Week Summer Session 2013-14:

Keep as is:

June 20 – Friday – Last day for notification and last day to apply for August 2014 degree in Graduate School

Recommended changes be made to the University Academic Calendar deadlines for graduate degrees from fall 2014-15 forward:

*Fall	(September 20th)	December degree
*Spring	(February 20th)	May degree
**Early Summer	(April 15 th)	August degree, posted to transcript in August
*Summer	(June 20th)	August degree, posted to transcript in September

and that the attached amendments be made to Senate Rule 5.4.1.1:

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UNIVERSITY SENATE RULES

5.4.0 DEGREES, HONORS, GRADUATION

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5.4.1 RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS

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5.4.1.1 **Undergraduate** Application for Degrees [US: 3/17/08]

(A) Undergraduate Degrees

To be eligible for an undergraduate degree, a student must file an application to graduate with the dean of the college from which the undergraduate degree is to be awarded ~~for degrees to be awarded beginning with May 2009:~~ by November 30 for degrees to be awarded the following May; by February 28 for degrees to be awarded the following August; and by June 30 for degrees to be awarded the following December.

(B) Graduate Degrees

To be eligible for a graduate degree, a student must file an application to graduate with the Graduate School by February 20 for degrees to be awarded the following May; by April 15 for degrees to be awarded the following August (and posted to transcript at the end of Summer Session II in August); by June 20 for degrees to be awarded as August degrees (and posted to transcript in September); and by September 20 for degrees to be awarded the following December.

(C) Professional Degrees

Application deadlines for professional degrees will be identified by the respective College Faculty, in accordance with external accreditation requirements (SR 1.2.1.A), and submitted to the Registrar for inclusion in the University Academic Calendar approved by the University Senate.