

Graduation 101

Differences Between Graduation and Commencement

Pearl: Hi! Welcome to the Graduation and Commencement tutorial. My name is Pearl Kuang.

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Overview

- Graduation Quarter
- Graduation
- Commencement
- FAQs

In this video, we will define keywords, provide an overview of the general process for graduation and commencement, and address frequently asked questions

Graduation Quarter

- Term in which you complete graduation requirements
 - May be Fall, Winter, Spring, or Summer Quarter
 - Regardless of whether courses are in UC San Diego or elsewhere

Let's start with keywords.

Graduation Quarter

Your graduation quarter is the final quarter in which you complete courses, regardless if these courses will be taken at UC San Diego or any other institution. Students may graduate or complete requirements at the end of any of the following quarters: fall, winter, spring, and summer. If you will be completing coursework outside of UC San Diego during your final quarter, your degree processing may be delayed based on when your transcripts are posted to your [Academic History](#).

Commencement

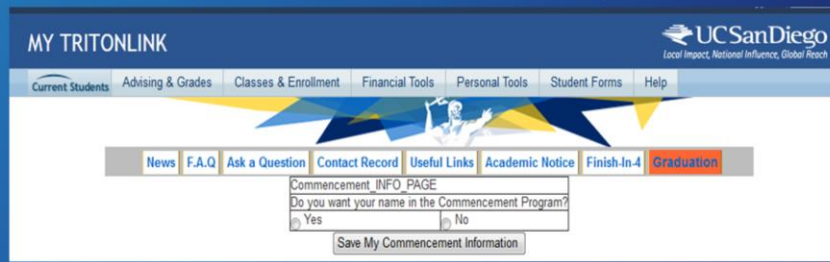
- Annual ceremony celebrating graduation
- You can walk whether you graduate early or late
- Participation in Commencement does not mean you graduated



[Commencement](#) is an annual ceremony coordinated by UC San Diego, the ERC Office of the Provost, and ERC Student Affairs Office. You may participate in the Commencement ceremony whether you graduate early or late, so long as you get your cap and gown and have at least 135 units. Please be aware that participating in Commencement and electing to have your name in the program booklet are optional. Participating in the Commencement ceremony does not mean you have officially graduated from the university.

Commencement Booklet

- You can add your name to the Commencement Booklet without filing for your DDA.
- You must add your name before May 1st.



The screenshot shows the MY TRITONLINK website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the UC San Diego logo and the tagline "Local Impact, National Influence, Global Reach". Below the navigation bar, there is a menu with options: Current Students, Advising & Grades, Classes & Enrollment, Financial Tools, Personal Tools, Student Forms, and Help. A secondary menu below that includes: News, F.A.Q, Ask a Question, Contact Record, Useful Links, Academic Notice, Finish-In-4, and Graduation. The main content area displays a form titled "Commencement_INFO_PAGE" with the question "Do you want your name in the Commencement Program?". There are two radio buttons, "Yes" and "No", and a "Save My Commencement Information" button at the bottom of the form.

It is possible to have your name added to the Commencement Booklet without filing your DDA. Sign in to <http://degree.ucsd.edu> and simply click on the box at the bottom of the page that says "Add Name to Commencement Booklet (but not ready to apply for Degree)" to add your name to the Commencement Booklet. You must add your name by May 1st, even if you plan to file for your DDA at a later date.

Graduation



- Degree conferral & posting to transcript
- Requirements
 - At least 180 units
 - Degree Audit should show all requirements complete in blue
 - File Degree and Diploma Application (DDA)

Graduation is coordinated by the [ERC Academic Advising](#) office in conjunction with your major department and the Registrar's Office. The Registrar's Office provides the official conferral and posting of your degree to your official transcript. You must have at least 180 units and completed all major, minor, College GE Requirements, and University Requirements. Review your [degree audit](#) carefully to make sure that everything is highlighted in blue to indicate you have either completed the requirement or are actively in the process of completing it.

FAQs

- To read commencement details, go to <http://roosevelt.ucsd.edu/student-life/commencement/>
 - Participation
 - Name in booklet
 - Time & Date
 - Cap & Gown
 - Ticketing
- Commencement-related issues not answered by above link:
 - Call: 858-534-2237 or Email: ercstudentlife@ucsd.edu

To have your name in the commencement booklet, you must have filed your DDA and plan to graduate before the end of summer quarter for the academic year in which you are commencing. If you file your DDA after the summer quarter you plan on commencing, your name will be in the commencement program for the following year.

For all questions related to Commencement, such as the event details, your name in the program, cap and gown rental, ticketing, and who is eligible to participate, please go to the ERC website and read the information under Commencement in the Student Life tab or call 858-534-2237 or email ercstudentlife@ucsd.edu.

More Questions?

- Graduation Requirements on <http://roosevelt.ucsd.edu> under the Academics tab
- To learn about DDA process and the timeline of degree conferral, refer to our video under the DDA Tab

If you have more specific questions about graduation, please refer to the [Graduation Requirements and Regulations](#) page at <http://roosevelt.ucsd.edu> under the Academics tab. If you have any questions about the DDA and the timeline of when you receive your degree, please refer to our other videos on that page.



Con-GRAD-ulations!

Congratulations! We hope this information has been helpful to you!