



GRADUATION POLICY

PURPOSE

To establish graduation requirements for undergraduate and graduate students.

STATEMENT OF POLICY

Students who meet all requirements for their degrees in August or January are considered to be in the graduation class of the following May. Diplomas are dated four times a year: January, May, July, and August. Candidates for graduation should confirm that their graduation term is reflected on MY.LIU at least one month prior to the end of their final term of enrollment.

Students who file a degree application after the conferral date for the term will have their degree awarded at the following conferral if all requirements have been fulfilled, regardless of the date of completion of requirements. Under no circumstances are degrees backdated and conferred for a prior conferral date.

Candidates for all degrees at LIU are expected to know the graduation requirements set forth in the catalog for the academic year in which they were admitted/matriculated. It is the responsibility of the student to draw up an acceptable program of study in consultation with their Success Coach or academic department

Undergraduate degree requirements: To qualify for a bachelor's degree, students must complete the core curriculum, all required liberal arts and sciences courses, and all departmental and University requirements listed in the undergraduate catalog for the academic year in which they were matriculated or readmitted. Specific requirements, substitutions, or exemptions, where relevant, are indicated.

The final 30 hours of credit must be earned in academic residence at Long Island University. A minimum of 9 credits of the requirements for a major must be completed in residency at LIU.

The undergraduate requirements for graduation are:

- 2.00 cumulative average (higher in some areas as indicated in the catalog)
- core and major requirements fulfilled
- 120 credits (more in some departments as indicated in the catalog)
- Writing Across the Curriculum requirements fulfilled
- Minimum liberal arts requirements as defined by New York State Education Department

To graduate with honors, undergraduate students must complete at least 54 graded credits in academic residence at LIU (this excludes courses graded on a pass/fail basis) to qualify for Latin Honors as follows:

- summa cum laude: 3.90 or higher
- magna cum laude: 3.70 = 3.89
- cum laude: 3.50 – 3.69

Graduate degree requirements To qualify for a graduate degree, students must complete all requirements listed in the graduate catalog for the academic year in which they were matriculated or readmitted. The minimum GPA required for graduation is 3.0 for all graduate programs. Master's degree candidates are required to complete their degree programs within five years. Doctoral students are required to complete their degree requirements within 10 years.

POLICY TYPE: STUDENT AFFAIRS