

VI. Graduation

A. Senior Graduation Seminar

The Undergraduate Programs Office sponsors a seminar for seniors early each fall. This seminar presents practical and relevant information regarding the senior year and graduation, including the process of applying for graduation, career development (e.g. resume writing, on-campus recruiting, interviewing) and applying to graduate school.

B. Graduation Requirements

In order to graduate, students must complete all of the degree requirements for their respective degree programs. Additionally, students must have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.00. All students must also satisfy the General Education, Math, Natural Science and Residency requirements as described below.

General Education requirements:

- Writing Requirement: CAS WR 100 and CAS WR 150 (8 credits)
- 3-course social science/humanities: depth [2 courses] & distribution [1 course] (12 credits)
- 1 General Education Elective (4 credits)
- Total of 24 credits in General Education

All students:

- 16 credits in mathematics. A credit deficiency in mathematics must be satisfied by a mathematics course.
- 16 credits in the natural sciences. A credit deficiency in natural sciences must be satisfied by a natural science course.
- A residency requirement of at least 48 credits of coursework taken at Boston University in the upper division of the student's engineering degree program. A student's upper division program consists of the program requirements and/or program electives required for the student's major as listed on the program planning sheet for the junior and senior years. General Education courses do not count toward the residency requirement. The residency requirement must be completed within the five years preceding the student's official date of graduation, with the exception of military service

No more than 12 credits with a grade of D may be applied toward an engineering degree. This requirement applies only to the set of courses presented for graduation and not to all courses that may appear on the transcript. If a course is repeated to meet this requirement, both courses are included in computing the cumulative GPA.

Students who have transferred courses from another college or university and have satisfied all course requirements but are deficient in the number of credits required to graduate must make up the credit deficiency

C. Graduation Reviews

Students identified as entering their senior year in September are contacted by the Undergraduate Records Office during the preceding summer. To ensure that all curriculum and credit requirements are met, students who plan to graduate must have a formal graduation review with a senior records coordinator in the Undergraduate Records Office. Students who plan to graduate in either May or September must make an appointment for a formal graduation review no later than October 1. The graduation review must take place no later than the week before final exams in the fall semester. Students who plan to graduate in January must make an appointment no later than February 15 and have their graduation review by April 1 of the prior spring semester. Failure to have a formal graduation review by the published deadline will jeopardize the student's graduation date.

D. Application for Graduation

An *Application for Graduation* must be completed and submitted at the time of the graduation review, or by the submission deadlines, whichever is earlier (October 1 for May and September graduation, April 1 for January graduation).

If the student's completed/planned coursework deviates in any way from the courses indicated on the program planning sheet for the desired degree program, an approved petition must be on file in the Undergraduate Records Office. Students without such documentation on file have not completed all requirements for the degree and will not be approved for graduation.

E. Graduation with Honors

Latin honors for the Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering are awarded on the basis of the student's cumulative GPA for all courses taken at Boston University. Among graduating seniors, the top 5% will be awarded degrees *summa cum laude*, the next 10% will be awarded degrees *magna cum laude*, and the next 15% will be awarded degrees *cum laude*. In no case will Latin honors be awarded to students with grade point averages below 3.00.

F. Participating in the May Commencement Ceremony

It is expected that students participating in Commencement have met **all** degree requirements and are official graduates of the College of Engineering. Students in good academic standing with fewer than 8 outstanding credits after the spring semester and intending to graduate in September may request to participate in the May Commencement Ceremony by submitting a petition. Petitions will not be reviewed until the student has registered for **all** remaining coursework.