

GRADUATION

For Ceremony Questions Contact: Dean of Students Office | 414.382.6118 | deanofstudents@alverno.edu | FO 119

For Diploma or Graduation Requirement Questions Contact: Registrar's Office | 414.382.6370 | registrar@alverno.edu | FO 144

Related Forms, Procedures and References: <https://www.alverno.edu/> Commencement (<https://www.alverno.edu/Commencement/>)

A link for the application for graduation will be emailed to you in the beginning of your final semester. The Registrar's Office reviews your file a year prior to your graduation and will complete a graduation audit. These audits are selected according to the graduation date listed in Interactive Online (IOL) on your student information page. You are responsible for updating your graduation date. It is NOT updated automatically. This review shows where you are in terms of meeting your requirements. Three areas of requirements are: Courses, Validations, and High School/ GED and college transcripts. All graduates should confirm their status regarding the closure of financial obligations. Bills must be paid in full in order to receive one's diploma and transcript. Our policy states that all graduates must meet with a Student Accounts/Financial Aid representative and submit a plan for payment of tuition and outstanding fees.

Participation in Commencement and Other Related Events

Alverno College believes in the value of participation in the commencement ceremony and the value of students sharing in the event with their peers. Graduates participate in commencement after all requirements are completed satisfactorily. For August graduates, diplomas are available the week following the August graduation date pending satisfaction of all financial obligations and completion of coursework. August graduates march in the December Commencement following their graduation date. The name of the graduate appears on the commencement program with a footnote indicating the official graduation date. If for some reason, a graduate decides not to participate in the commencement ceremony, contact the Office of the Registrar (registrar@alverno.edu).

The Division of Student Development and Success coordinates events related to Alverno College's Commencement. In addition to the commencement ceremonies, Alverno College coordinates cultural celebration ceremonies (Latinas con Fuerza, Bestowing of the Kente, and Asian Rights of Passage), the Baccalaureate Liturgy & Hooding Ceremony, and a Senior/Alum Cocktail Reception. These related events are not required for graduates to attend, but are highly encouraged.

Accommodations for Guests and Graduates

Special seating accommodations, English-to-Spanish interpretation services, and American Sign Language interpretation services are provided during Commencement in Pitman Theatre. Graduates will have an opportunity to indicate what services are needed via a Commencement Participation Form. Disability-related accommodations are available for graduates and/or their guests through the Instructional Services Department. Requests are typically scheduled two months prior to the graduation ceremony. In order to successfully meet your needs and

ensure that appropriate accommodations are made, please contact the Student Accessibility Coordinator at 414-382-6026.

Stoles and Cords (worn at Commencement)

Alverno graduates may choose to wear stoles and/or cords that honor their cultural heritage or academic journey, including:

- Asian heritage stole - purchased by student to honor Asian heritage
- Kente stole - purchased by student to honor African heritage
- Sarape stole - purchased by student to honor Latinx heritage
- International or study abroad stole - purchased by student to honor countries of origin or where they studied
- Stole of gratitude - purchased by student to bestow to a loved one as a token of gratitude
- Athletic stole - provided by Athletic Department for eligible student-athletes
- Burgundy Cord - denotes a Doherty Scholar, provided by Center for Academic Excellence
- Dark Green Cord - denotes a New Futures in Science and Mathematics Scholar, provided by NSMT department
- Blue and Green Cord - denotes a First Generation student, provided by Student Success
- Purple and White Cord - signifies membership in Sigma Theta Tau, an international nursing honor society, provided by Nursing
- Royal blue cord - denotes a Promise Scholar, provided by Advising