

# COMMENCEMENT

## **Commencement Ceremony (Graduate School)**

The commencement ceremony is held each May at the end of the spring semester to honor the current Buffalo State graduating class. Graduate students should file an application for degree or certificate by the posted deadline for the anticipated term of program completion. The Graduate School posts deadlines and the online graduation form on its website (<https://graduateschool.buffalostate.edu/forms/>).

The Academic Affairs Office sends commencement ceremony information to eligible participants at their permanent addresses in late March. Students should submit their degree/certificate applications by the posted deadlines to ensure they will receive commencement information and be listed in the program booklet. The commencement website (<https://commencement.buffalostate.edu>) provides ceremony details, ticketing procedures, cap and gown information, a section for families, helpful-contacts (<https://commencement.buffalostate.edu/helpful-contacts/>), and related events.

The commencement ceremony celebrates the recent graduates and spring and summer candidates for the current academic year. A student becomes a graduate when the Graduate School completes a successful degree/certificate audit and awards the degree or certificate. Diplomas and certificates are not distributed at the commencement ceremony; they are mailed to permanent addresses up to six weeks following the final term of study. Students should be sure their addresses of record are up to date to avoid delay in receiving commencement information or their diplomas or certificates. The change of address form is provided on the Registrar's website (<https://registrar.buffalostate.edu/forms-and-services/>).

There are no academic honors distinctions or gold honors cords at the graduate level.

Refer to DOPS Policy I:21:00 (<http://bscintra.buffalostate.edu/dops/policysect1/012100.pdf>).

See Graduation, Commencement (<http://ecatalog.buffalostate.edu/graduate/academic-requirements/graduation-commencement/>) for graduation requirements.