

# Graduation & Commencement

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## Applying for a Degree or Certificate of Achievement

Students who expect to receive a degree or certificate of achievement must file a petition by the 30 percent deadline of the final semester leading to their graduation. (Students intending to graduate during the summer intersession may petition during the spring semester.) Final dates to file a petition are as follows:

- ▶ **Fall 2021: September 27, 2021**
- ▶ **Spring 2022: February 28, 2022**

Official transcripts from all colleges attended (or concurrently attending), approved substitutions and waivers, educational plans, and any other necessary documents must be on file in the Admissions and Records Office before a student submits a petition to graduate. Petitions submitted after the deadline are automatically processed in the subsequent semester.

## Commencement

The MiraCosta College commencement ceremony is held once a year in May. Fall graduates, spring candidates, and summer candidates are eligible to participate in the commencement ceremony provided they submit a graduation petition for a degree or certificate. Students who are eligible to attend the ceremony will receive information about participating from the Student Life and Leadership Office in March.