



# UNIVERSITY POLICY

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**Policy Number:** 400-010 Governance, Risk and Compliance  
**Policy Title:** GENERAL COMMENCEMENT AND SCHOOL/COLLEGE AWARD CEREMONIES PARTICIPATION POLICY  
**Responsible Officer:** Provost and Chief Academic Officer  
**Responsible Office:** Office of the Provost and Chief Academic Officer  
**Effective Date:** May 3, 2012  
**Rescinded:** May 27, 2014 (Board of Trustees)

**POLICY STATEMENT:** As of May 27, 2014, the University reinstated the following policy, which was in place prior to May 3, 2012, and is published annually in the Howard University Student Handbook:

**General Commencement and School/College Awards Ceremonies Participation Policy:** Participation in the University's annual May Commencement Ceremony and School/College Award Ceremonies is open to undergraduate students who have applied to graduate in the current spring semester or who graduated the preceding summer session, or fall semester. To participate in Commencement students must complete all requirements of their respective degree programs, all residence requirements, and all financial obligations to the University.

## **THIS POLICY IS NO LONGER IN EFFECT**

### **POLICY STATEMENT**

~~Participation in the University's annual May Commencement Ceremony and School/College Award Ceremonies is open to undergraduate students who have applied to graduate in the current spring semester or who graduated the preceding summer session, or fall semester. Undergraduate students who require no more than six (6) academic credit hours to complete their degree requirements may participate in the May Commencement Ceremony and School/College Award Ceremonies if there is a reasonable expectation, as determined by the dean of their school or college, that they will be able to obtain the needed academic credits and satisfy any other degree requirements during the following summer or fall semesters. The maximum of six (6) academic credit hours is firm and not subject to petition.~~

~~Receipt of a *Dear Degree Candidate* letter or other official announcements, participation in the Commencement or School/College Award Ceremonies, or the appearance of a student's name in the published Commencement Program does not constitute the award of a degree or any associated rights and privileges.~~