

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to specific degree requirements, students must also meet the graduation requirements listed below:

- **Grade Point Average:** To graduate, a student must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0.
- **Graduation Catalog:** A student is responsible for the Foundations and Major requirements listed in any one BYU– Idaho Catalog (chosen by the student) from the year of first enrollment to the year of graduation, provided the BYU–Idaho Catalog chosen is not more than seven years old. However, students are subject to all other policies, requirements, and procedures as outlined in the University catalog for the current academic year.
- **Resident Credit:** To graduate with a bachelor’s degree a student must complete a minimum of 30 credit hours of BYU–Idaho credit. To graduate with an associate degree a student must complete a minimum of 24 credit hours of BYU–Idaho credit.
- **On-Campus Credit:** To graduate with any degree, a student must earn a minimum of 15 credits on campus (not online) at BYU–Idaho or successfully complete one of the options within BYU–Idaho’s Pathway Program (Academic Start or Accelerated Start). Students who transfer 15 or more credits earned on campus at another CES school (BYU, BYU–Hawaii, or LDSBC) will be considered as having met this graduation requirement.
- **Upper Division Credit:** To graduate with a bachelor’s degree, a student must complete a minimum of 15 hours of BYU–Idaho upper-division credit (300 or 400-level courses). Associate degrees do not require a minimum number of upper-division credits.
- **Minor:** At least 6 credits must be taken in residence.
- **Concentration:** At least 6 credits must be upper-division credit (300 or 400-level courses).
- **Cluster:** At least 1 course per cluster must be taken in residence.
- **Academic Standing:** Students who are academically suspended or academically dismissed may not graduate from BYU–Idaho
- **Good Honor Code Standing:** Students must be in Good Honor Code Standing in order to graduate from BYU–Idaho. Former students wishing to graduate from BYU–Idaho, but whose ecclesiastical endorsement has expired, will need to submit a current endorsement before their application for graduation will be processed.

APPLICATION FOR GRADUATION

Current students apply for graduation online via the my.byui.edu student portal. Former students may request assistance in applying for graduation by emailing graduation@byui.edu.

For specific deadlines, refer to the Academic Deadline Calendar found in this catalog. Students who apply after the Graduation Application Deadline will not be included in the commencement program and will not be considered for academic honors. Graduates’ names will be included in the program for the commencement for which they apply to graduate, not the commencement in which they march, if different.

Official graduation is subject to a degree audit following the last semester of enrollment. The Student Records and Registration Office will notify students of any graduation deficiencies. The graduation application of those who do not complete the requirements will be reevaluated at the end of the next semester. However, students who do not complete graduation requirements within one year after application must reapply for graduation.

ATTENDANCE AT COMMENCEMENT

Commencement and Convocation exercises are held in April, July, and December. Students who do not attend Convocation must claim a diploma cover from the Student Records and Registration Office before leaving campus. Diplomas will be mailed to graduates only after all requirements have been completed and verified, usually 6-8 weeks after final grades are posted.

Graduation exercises at BYU-Idaho differ than most others in that we invite the ministry of the Spirit by our conduct and proceedings. To assist in this process and to show respect for everyone present, graduates are asked to adhere to BYU-Idaho’s Dress and Grooming Standard of Sunday dress.

Additionally, so as not to draw attention to any one individual; flowers, leis, honor cords and other embellishments that might be considered academic regalia should not be attached to or worn with the cap and gown during the convocation or commencement ceremonies. However, outside of these ceremonies, the wearing of honor cords and other regalia are permitted for society and other graduation pictures.

GRADUATION HONORS

- **Cum Laude:** Students ranked in the top 10% of their graduating class.
- **Magna Cum Laude:** Students ranked in the top 5% of their graduating class.
- **Summa Cum Laude:** Students ranked in the top 1% of their graduating class.

All honors are based on the cumulative GPA completed at the end of the semester prior to the graduation ceremony. No adjustments will be made for grades posted or changed following the graduation ceremony. To be eligible, the application must be submitted before the application deadline.

FINANCIAL HOLDS

Candidates with outstanding debts to any department or office will not receive diplomas or official transcripts until all amounts are paid.

EXIT SURVEY

In the interest of documenting post-graduation rates of employment for accreditation purposes, all students must complete a brief exit survey, available online, approximately one month before their anticipated graduation.

Various means will be used to remind students of this graduation requirement, including emails sent to the student’s BYU–Idaho email account with a link to the survey, a notation on the student’s Grad Report, and notification through the respective college Career and Academic Advising offices.

Completion of the exit survey is a graduation requirement, and candidates for graduation who do not complete the survey will not receive their diploma until they have done so.