Applying to Graduate

It is the responsibility of the graduating MPS student to complete an Application to Graduate. Completing the Application to Graduate notifies the CALS Registrar to: order your diploma, place your name in the commencement program and initiate a review of your remaining degree requirements.

Complete the first and second section and send it to Professional Programs Office, 211 Kennedy Hall, or send a pdf of the application by email to CALSprofprograms@cornell.edu with the subject line, "ATTN: Student Services Coordinator".

The deadline for the Application to Graduate is:

- December candidates – early October
- May candidates – Monday, March 26**
- August candidates – end of July

** If you miss this deadline you will risk your name being omitted from the commencement program and important information concerning commencement.

Commencement

Degrees are conferred annually in May, August, and December. Cornell Commencement takes place in May and a Recognition Event takes place in December. Every candidate, regardless of graduation date, is invited to participate in the May Commencement ceremony. Please see the Cornell University Commencement website for more information.

Diplomas will be printed with your name exactly as it appears on your official records and sent via postal mail. It is the student’s responsibility to verify that their name and home address are correct in Student Essentials. This will ensure mailing to the correct address. The diploma mailing schedule can be found here.

Cornell University transcripts with your official grades can be ordered through the Office of the University Registrar two weeks after graduation.