

2021 Commencement/Graduation Frequently Asked Questions

Question: Will Fisk University hold Commencement in May 2021?

Response: Yes, Commencement is scheduled for May 24, 2021. Commencement will be held at 10:00 a.m. at Tennessee State University, William J. Hale Stadium.

Question: When is Commencement rehearsal?

Response: Commencement rehearsal will be held, Friday, May 21, 2021, 2:00 p.m., at Fisk University Grove.

Question: Is the University holding a Hooding Ceremony for graduating Graduate Students?

Response: The hooding ceremony will be a virtual event held on Saturday, May 22, 2021, 2:00 p.m.

Question: When will the Baccalaureate Ceremony be held?

Response: We will not hold a Baccalaureate Ceremony for the Spring 2021 graduation.

Question: When will the Commencement Mixer be held?

Response: We will not hold a Commencement Mixer for the Spring 2021 graduation.

Question: Is it too late to order my cap and gown?

Response: Yes, the deadline to order was April 1st at 11:59 p.m. (**Please note any orders placed through Jostens after April 1st are not guaranteed to arrive on time.*)

Question: When will I receive my cap and gown?

This year, students can have their Cap and Gown sent to their home for an additional charge or sent to the university for free.

Ship-to-home orders will be received on or near April 15-29, 2021.

Student orders shipped to the University will be available for pick-up in the Spirit Store located in Spence Hall on April 26, 2021.

Question: If I opt not to participate in Commencement, may I receive a refund of fees I paid for Commencement?

Response: Commencement fees are non-refundable

Question: If I am within eight hours of completing my degree, currently, will I be allowed to participate in Commencement?

Response: No, only students who have completed all requirements will be allowed to participate in commencement exercises. Students who have completed degree requirements during the Summer 2021 terms and students who will be completing degree requirements in the Fall will participate in Commencement in December 2021.

Applications for graduation in December 2021 must be submitted to the Registrar by October 18, 2021.

Question: When will my diploma be issued if I am graduating in May 2021?

Response: The students who have completed all degree requirements in the Spring of 2021 (those who have applied for graduation and cleared all financial obligations) will receive their diplomas in the mail in mid-July 2021.

Students who completed their requirements during the Summer and the Fall of 2021 will receive their diploma in the mail in mid-to-late December.

Question: Is it too late to apply for graduation?

Response: All graduates must complete an application for degree. If an application has not been completed as of March 31st, student must contact the Registrar's office.

Question: How do I contact the Registrar's Office?

Response: Please send emails to registrar@fisk.edu or call the all-staff number 615-715-3383. Please allow 24-48 hours to receive a response.

Note: *University Policy*

Students who have not paid their balances in full will be placed on a BUSINESS HOLD and WILL NOT be allowed to register/enroll for the upcoming semester, view grades, participate in graduation activities, receive transcripts and /or diploma until payments to the university are received and/or paid in full.

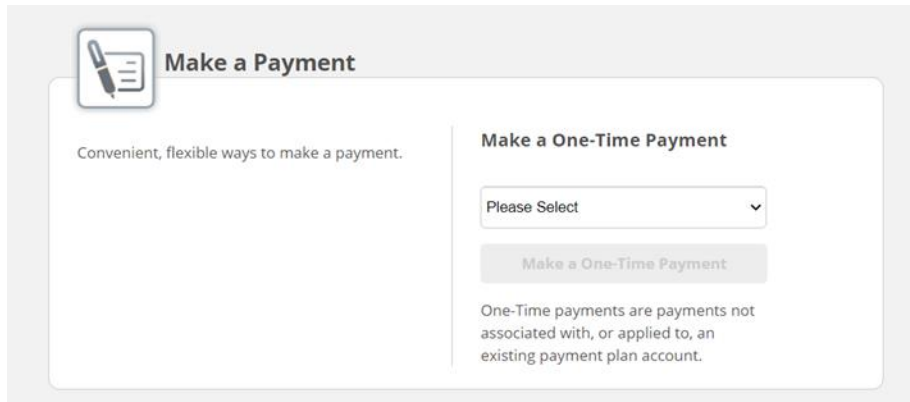
Question: When will the charges for graduation appear on my Fisk University account?

Response: Charges are applied prior to Commencement and must be paid prior to Commencement.

Question: When is the deadline to pay my fees for graduation/commencement?

Response: \$360 Graduation Fee is due April 28, 2021. A \$50 late will be applied after April 28th. The last day to remit payment is May 10th. Payments can be made electronically using one of the following methods:

- Student Portal by using a credit card, under "My Ledger".
- Fisk University Website: <https://fisk.afford.com/PPT/MakeAPayment>



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One-Time payments are payments not associated with, or applied to, an existing payment plan account.

- Select “Make a OneTime Payment” (DO NOT ENROLL IN PAYMENT PLAN). Use the dropdown to select “Graduation Fee.” Please make sure to include your full name and CAMS ID in description.
- Send a check, money order or cashier’s check to:

Fisk University
Student Accounts – Carnegie Hall
1000 17th Avenue North
Nashville, TN 37208

Question: Will I be able to receive my degree if I have an outstanding balance?

Response: No. In accordance with University policy, students who have outstanding balances cannot be conferred a degree. In cases where students have outstanding balances, the date of conferral will be listed as the conferral date corresponding to the time the balance is cleared. (Fisk University degree conferral dates are May, August, and December).

Question: Will Commencement be live streamed?

Response: Yes, it will be streamed to the [Fisk University YouTube Channel](#).

Question: How many guests are graduates permitted for Commencement and when will tickets be available?

Response: Graduates are permitted a maximum of 10 guests and all guests must have a ticket to gain entry, including infants and children. Tickets will be distributed to graduates during Commencement rehearsal on Friday, May 21st.