

# 2024 Commencement FAQs

Q. Where will Fisk University hold the Commencement in May 2024?

**A. May 6, 2024, Commencement will be held on the campus of Fisk University. The ceremony will start promptly at 9 am.**

Q. When is the rehearsal for commencement?

**A. Commencement rehearsal will be held Wednesday, May 1st at 2 pm and Friday, May 3rd at 2 pm.**

Q. When will the Baccalaureate ceremony be held?

**A. The baccalaureate ceremony will be held on Monday May 6, 2024 during commencement.**

Q. If I am within eight hours of completing my degree currently, will I be allowed to participate in commencement?

**A. No, only students who have completed all requirements will be allowed to participate in commencement exercises.**

Q. I will be completing my degree requirements in the fall of 2023 will I be allowed to participate in the commencement exercises?

**A. Yes, all students that have completed all university requirements for graduation by the end of the Fall 2023 semester are allowed to participate in the Spring commencement ceremony.**

Q. When will my diploma be issued?

**A. The students who completed all degree requirements in Spring 2024 (those who have applied for graduation and cleared all financial obligations) will receive their diplomas in the mail in mid-July 2024. (Note: Students who graduate in Fall will receive their diplomas by February and students who graduate in Summer will receive their diplomas by September.)**

Q. There is an error on my diploma, what should I do?

**You must return the diploma to the Office of the Registrar and the correction will be made. If the error was made by the University the diploma will be replaced at no cost. If the error is a change the student wants to make, then a fee of \$65 will be charged for replacement.**

Q. If I applied for graduation, how will I know if the Registrar's Office received my application?

**A. The Registrar's Office has set up a system that automatically pulls all applications for degree applicants. If you would like to check the information that you have submitted to the Office of the Registrar, please stop by Cravath Hall Room 111.**

Q. How much is the graduation fee?

**A. The graduation fee is \$360.**

Q. When will the graduation charges appear on my Fisk University account?

**A. Charges are currently being applied. Students should start seeing the charge appear on their account no later than March 8, 2024.**

Q. Is it too late to pay my fees for graduation?

**A. No, students have until April 1, 2024, to pay all graduation fees (late fees will not be accepted). If you are unable to pay in person electronic payments can be scheduled with the Office of Student Accounts by calling from 8 am to Noon at 615-329-8546. Students can also make payments in the Student Portal by using a credit card, under “My Ledger”. Fisk University Website: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/PPB0jnU0>. Please make sure to include your full name and Colleague Student ID.**

Q. Will I be able to receive my degree if I have an outstanding balance?

**A. 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).**

Q. When will I receive my cap and gown?

**A. Cap and gowns will be distributed on April 5, 2024. If you are unable to pick up your cap and gown they will be distributed during rehearsal on May 1st and 3rd. However, if you decide to skip commencement your cap and gown will be available for pick up in the Office of the Registrar, Cravath Hall, Room 111. Please remember that all balances with the university must be paid in full.**

Q. If you decide not to attend the event, can I receive a refund of the fees I paid for commencement?

**A. No, commencement fees are non-refundable.**

Q. When will I know if I received Latin honors markings for graduation?

**A. Your graduation honors are based upon your fall semester final cumulative GPA.**

Q. What are the requirements for Latin Honors?

**A. Cum Laude 3.30 – 3.49 Cumulative GPA – Magna Cum Laude 3.50 – 3.69 Cumulative GPA – Summa Cum Laude 3.70 – 4.00 Cumulative GPA**

Q. When will the Grad Finale be held?

**A. The Grad Finale will be held on April 5th, 2024 from 12 pm to 3 pm.**

Q. How do I contact the Registrar's Office?

**A. Please send emails to [registrar@fisk.edu](mailto:registrar@fisk.edu). Please allow 12-24 hours to receive a response or stop by the office in Cravath Hall Room 111.**