

Graduation FAQs

General Guidelines:

If you complete your studies in **April**, you will be considered a **May graduate**

If you complete your studies in **August**, you will be considered a **September graduate**

If you complete your studies in **December**, you will be considered a **February graduate**

What is the candidate for degree card?

The candidate for degree card is an online form that we use to order diplomas. Students fill this out in the beginning of their last trimester. This is not a request to participate in the graduation ceremony. This is your way of informing us that you are completing your studies at Fordham at the end of the term.

Who completes the candidate for degree card?

Students who are completing their coursework for the term complete the candidate for degree card. Students with 9 credits or less finishing in the summer, but walking in the May ceremony DO NOT complete the candidate for degree card.

When are candidate for degree cards due?

May Graduates – due February 1

September Graduates – due June 1

February Graduates – November 1

What if I graduated in the February but want to participate in the diploma ceremony?

The 2011 graduation year is made up of students who complete(d) their studies in September 2010, February 2011 and May 2011. Students in this group will receive notification and instructions on the email address on the candidate for degree card regarding the ceremony.

I submitted a Candidate for Degree card last trimester but did not actually complete my studies – do I have to fill one out again this term?

Yes, you must complete another Candidate for Degree card.

What is a walker?

A walker is a student participating in the May ceremony but has 9 or fewer credits left to complete and will complete them during the summer trimester. We allow these students to participate in the May ceremony. Walkers do not complete a Candidate for Degree Card. In order to participate in the ceremony, please contact Linda Mast at mast@fordham.edu with your name and ID number. Please put “Diploma Ceremony Walker” in the email subject line.

Please note that if you are a walker and have been inducted into an honor society, there will be no notation by your name because you are not a graduate. Honor societies only recognize graduates, not walkers.

When will I receive my diploma?

When students receive their diploma depends on when they complete their studies. Students who finish in December receive their diplomas the following February. Students who finish in April receive their diplomas in May. Students who finish in August receive their diplomas in September.

If I graduate in September 2011, when am I eligible to participate in the diploma ceremony?

This depends on how many credits you have left. If you have 9 or fewer credits, you are eligible to participate in the May 2011 ceremony, but may participate in the May 2012 ceremony instead if you choose. If you have more than 9 credits, you will participate in the May 2012 ceremony. In order to participate in the ceremony, please contact Linda Mast at mast@fordham.edu with your name and ID number. Please put “Diploma Ceremony Walker” in the email subject line.

I intend to participate in the diploma ceremony in May – when will I receive more information about this?

You’ll receive more information regarding graduation in early March via email.

How do I order my cap and gown?

Information regarding graduation and related dates will be sent to the email address you submitted in your Candidate for Degree card. Please note the last day to order your cap and gown is April 4, 2011. **If you do not order a cap and gown you will not be able to participate.**

Please specify which campus you would like to pick up your cap and gown when you place your order. Pick up dates and times are as follows:

Lincoln Center Campus
Saturday May 14: 4-6 pm
Friday May 20: 1-3 pm

Westchester Campus
Wednesday, May 11 4-7 pm

How do I RSVP for the graduation ceremony?

The link to RSVP for graduation will be included in the email sent regarding graduation. Expect this email in early March. Please note the last day to RSVP is April 29th.

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How many tickets will I receive for graduation?

Students receive 5 tickets. If you need to request more tickets, there will be more information on the website where you RSVP

When is graduation 2011?

May 24th – Tuesday 7pm

Where is graduation 2011?

Avery Fisher Hall Lincoln Center

Is there graduation practice?

No.

Post Graduation

What is the graduation survey? Do I have to complete it?

Every graduate receives an email to your Fordham.edu email address from the Office of Career Management. This survey is mandatory and your diploma will not be sent until you complete it

Can I pick up my diploma?

September and February graduates' diplomas are mailed to them. May graduates can pick up their diploma from the Office of Student Life at 33 West 60th Street, 4th Floor.

I am applying for a job and is requiring a transcript – how do I request one?

Please contact enrollment services at 212-636-6700

What do I do if there's a hold on my account?

If you have a financial hold on your account preventing you from receiving your diploma or transcripts, please email studentaccts@fordham.edu with your name, student ID#, and state that there appears to be a financial hold on your account.

I need a letter that states when I attended Fordham or that I have completed the program – where do I request this?

Please contact Linda Mast at mast@fordham.edu with your request and student ID number.

International Students

How do I apply for OPT?

Please contact Sal Longarino with International Student Services, and complete the appropriate forms before coming to OSL.

Can I get my diploma mailed to my international address?

Diplomas do not get mailed internationally. You must submit a local United States address for us to mail it to or have someone pick it up for you. If you have someone pick it up for you, you must email Linda Mast at mast@fordham.edu giving her permission to release it to the person picking it up