

AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY: OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR  
RESPONSIBLE CONTACT: DIVISION OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS  
POLICY IDENTIFICATION: REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION  
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An undergraduate student must have completed the following to receive a bachelor's degree from Virginia Union University:

- a minimum of 120 credit hours towards a degree, including the General
- Education core requirements
- a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above
- a minimum of 30 semester hours in residence at the University

A graduate student must have completed the following to receive a master's or doctorate degree from Virginia Union University:

- all degree requirements including minimum credit hours towards degree program
- a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above.

Exceptions to this requirement may be made only with prior written approval from the Vice President for Academic Affairs, and upon the recommendation of the department chair and the dean. Such exceptions may not exceed six credit hours.

A senior who expects to graduate must apply for Graduation to the Office of the Registrar by May 30<sup>th</sup> if planning to graduate in the Fall of the same calendar year, September 30<sup>th</sup> if planning to graduate in May of the following calendar year, and by March 30<sup>th</sup> if planning to graduate the summer of the same year. Applications submitted after these dates shall be considered late.

There is only one Commencement exercise, held on the Saturday of Mother's Day weekend in May of each year.