



California University of Pennsylvania

POLICY: Conferring of Degrees

A. Purpose & Scope:

To define and describe the process for conferring degrees

B. Definition(s):

C. Policy:

Degrees are conferred in May (at the end of the spring semester), in August (at the end of the summer session), and in December (at the end of the fall semester), and in January (at the end of the Winter session); but Commencement is held only twice a year, in May (January and May graduates) and in December (August and December graduates). Diplomas and official University transcripts record the student's date of graduation as the month and year in which the degree was conferred.

Attendance at the Commencement exercises is appropriate, unless unusual circumstances warrant graduation in absentia. Permission to graduate in absentia is granted by the President of the University, or his/her designee. Candidates for graduation should contact the President's Office, or his/her designee's office, and request permission to be excused from the Commencement ceremony.

A graduate of California University of Pennsylvania is a member of the class of that calendar year in which the degree was conferred. That is, if one graduated in May, August, December of 2018 and January 2019, one is a member of the class of 2018 regardless of the year one may have attended Commencement.

D. Procedure(s):

E. Effective date: 2005-2006 Undergraduate Catalog

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