

GRADUATION POLICY OF MU'S GRADUATE SCHOOL (August, 2013)

All students must apply for graduation in CheckMarq by the deadline specified in the Academic Calendar. Graduation deadlines are scheduled well in advance of the date of Commencement to allow time for student academic audits and for printing diplomas, graduation invitations and program booklets.

Students who have completed all of their degree or certificate requirements prior to a specific graduation date, but who have missed the graduation application deadline, **may request a letter from the Graduate School certifying the completion of their program**; however, when needed, the university reserves the right to graduate a student without an application on file, once all requirements are complete. The student must still apply for graduation and the diploma will reflect the next graduation date.

Policy Governing Graduation Dates

In addition to the three regular graduations in May, August, or December of each year, the following additional graduation cycles will be implemented for students in **clinical psychology**:

- Last working day of September – This option will be available for clinical psychology doctoral students who complete their pre-doctoral internship and/or their dissertation defense and dissertation submission after the deadlines established for the August graduation, but before the September graduation deadline. Students shall be responsible for applying for September graduation, and for **completing all graduation requirements, no later than the last working day of August.**
- Last working day of October - This option will be available for clinical psychology doctoral students who complete their pre-doctoral internship and/or their dissertation defense and dissertation submission after the deadlines established for the September graduation, but before the October graduation deadline. Students shall be responsible for applying for October graduation, and for completing all graduation requirements, **no later than the last working day of September.**
- Last working day of January – This option will be available for clinical psychology doctoral students who complete their pre-doctoral internship and/or their dissertation defense and dissertation submission after the deadlines established for the December graduation, but before the January graduation deadline.
 - Students in clinical psychology shall be responsible for applying for January graduation and for completing all graduation requirements no later than the last working day of December.
- Last working day of February - This option will be available for clinical psychology doctoral students who complete their pre-doctoral internship and/or their dissertation defense and dissertation submission after the deadlines established for the January graduation, but before the February graduation deadline. Students shall be responsible for applying for February graduation, and for completing all graduation requirements, **no later than the last working day of January.**

Students who miss the deadlines for October or February graduation must wait until the following December or May to graduate, and in such cases will be responsible for meeting the established deadlines for those graduation cycles.