GRADUATION KICK-OFF
2016
Getting Ready For Graduation
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INTRODUCTIONS
PURPOSE

• To ensure that students have applied for graduation.

• To give guidance for graduation preparation
How To Apply

• Type or print clearly all information on your application for graduation.
  – Diplomas will be printed with the name currently on record in BANNER.

• Clear your academic record.
  – Transient credits, transfer credits, incomplete, and/or in progress must be posted or converted to satisfactory letter grades.
How To Apply

• Review and verify completion of all degree requirements with your advisor.

• Complete your degree audit and application for graduation with your departmental chair/advisor.
  – Students must have a minimum of 122 semester hours to graduate.
    • Total credit hours are based on student’s major field of study.
    – Students must earn a cumulative of at least 2.0 GPA.
  – Students must earn a “C” or better in all major discipline courses, including cognate and other required courses related to the major.
University policy states that a minor field for student must be declared before 88 credit hours have been completed.

The student must earn and complete the credit hours associated with major field of study plus the credit hours of the minor degree.

Complete your minor audit for graduation with your minor departmental chair/advisor.
Graduation Honors

• Honors are determined by your grade point average at the end of the Fall term.

• Only grades earned at Clark Atlanta University will be used in the GPA calculation.
Latin Honors

• Latin Honor Categories:
  – *Cum Laude* (with distinction)
    • Cumulative GPA of 3.25 – 3.49 with no final course grades below “C”
  
  – *Magna Cum Laude* (with great distinction)
    • Cumulative GPA of 3.50 – 3.79 with no final course grades below “C”
  
  – *Summa Cum Laude* (with highest distinction)
    • Cumulative GPA of 3.80 or higher with no final course grades below “C”
Graduate Student Requirements

• **Graduate Students**
  - Check with schools to make sure all requirements have been met or will be met.
    • Thesis
    • Dissertation
    • Comprehensive Examinations
    • Conceptual Papers
    • Exit Papers
Please Remember To ..........

• Read all CAU emails regarding graduation (i.e. activities, graduation status, etc.).

• Graduation fee of $200 will be posted to your account.
  – The fee includes the gown, hood, tassel, diploma, miniature diploma, cover, transcript, 10 invitations and first year alumni membership.

• Check BANNER for any holds that may be on your account.

• Satisfy all financial obligations with Student Accounts.

• Complete loan exit counseling with the Financial Aid Office. This may be done online. Information will be provided.
COMMENCEMENT
DECORUM
Be On Time!!!
Dress Appropriately
Gentlemen

• Black or navy blue suit
• White dress shirt
• Black or blue tie
• Black dress shoes
• No earrings
Ladies

- All black or all white knee-length dress or suit
  - Black pants are permissible
- All black closed-toe shoes
- Flesh colored (skin-tone) stockings
- Small Earrings
Please Refrain From Wearing Extremely High Heels

Do Not Let This Be You
Decorated Caps Will Not Be Permitted
Simply Walk Across the Stage
ENJOY YOUR MOMENT!!!
FOUNDERS DAY
CONVOCATION

Thursday, March 17, 2016
Vivian Wilson Henderson Health & Physical Education Center
Epps Gymnasium
GRADUATION EXPLOSION

Tuesday, March 22, 2016
Bishop Cornelius Henderson Student Center
Multipurpose Room
BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

Sunday, May 15, 2016
Vivian Wilson Henderson Health & Physical Education Center
Epps Gymnasium
2016 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Monday, May 16, 2016
CAU Panther Stadium
LIFE AFTER

• Career and Professional Development Center
  – Mr. Andre McKinney

• Apply for Graduate School
  – Submit your graduate school application to your school of choice
  – Take required examinations
Required Exams for Graduate Studies

- **Graduate Record Examination (GRE)**
  - The GRE General Exam measures (1) verbal, (2) Quantitative, and (3) Analytical Reasoning skills relevant to graduate study. Eligibility for admission to a Graduate Program is usually based upon your GRE General Score and your college GPA. For more information on Graduate Studies requirements please contact the department to which you are applying.

- **Graduate Management Admissions Test**
  - Why take the GMAT exam? Quality graduate business programs rely on the GMAT to make admissions decisions, so if you’re serious about business school, then the GMAT is your best first step. Explore the reasons why taking the GMAT positions you for success in the classroom and in your career.
Required Exams for Graduate Studies

• Law School Admissions Test (LSAT)
  – The LSAT is a graduate entrance examination which is required from students who want to get into a law school. The purpose of the LSAT is to differentiate among them.
  – The LSAT measures the ability to read and comprehend complex texts, manage and organize information, and process information to reach conclusions. In addition to the required reasoning abilities, the LSAT measures the examinee's speed, accuracy and skill at planning, discipline, and mechanics.
  – To take the test no specific field of study knowledge is required.
  – There are four test dates a year
Required Exams for Graduate Studies

- The Medical College Admission Test (MCAT)
  - a computer-based standardized examination for prospective medical students in the United States and Canada. It is designed to assess problem solving, critical thinking, written analysis and knowledge of scientific concepts and principles
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