

Graduation: Concentration Release and Senior Audit

See an advisor in your concentration, minor and in LSA at least once a year! This will help you determine what courses to take and when, ensuring that there is no surprising news in your audit.

Before you can graduate, you must:

► **Step 1: Submit your release forms for your concentration plan(s) and minor(s) to the LSA Auditors**

First, the semester before you would like to graduate, you will complete a concentration release form (graduation paperwork) with a concentration advisor. In the Psychology Department, you will set up an appointment with a concentration advisor to determine what you will need to register for during your last semester. To set up an appointment: use our online advising system (Psych Dept homepage -> Undergraduate Program -> Quick Links: advising appointments/lower-left box), telephone or come into the Psychology Student Academic Affairs Office (1343 EH, 764-2580).

It is ideal for you to complete the concentration release the semester before you wish to graduate. For example, if you plan to graduate in April 2014, you will need to come in during Fall 2013 for an appointment. You will need to do this with all of your concentrations and minors. If you need to contact the LSA Auditors for any reason, their email address is lsa.auditors@umich.edu.

► **Step 2: Apply for Graduation on Wolverine Access (concurrently with Step 1)**

Next, along with the concentration release, you must apply for graduation on Wolverine Access. There is a link under "Degree Progress/Graduation" called "Apply for Graduation" that will allow you to select your graduation term, fill out your diploma text, and apply.

Once you've submitted those items, LSA will run an "audit" for you and will email you an official audit e-mail with the results. This audit will list all of the requirements that you still need to complete before you graduate. This will include LSA requirements, such as language, upper-level writing, distribution, and requirements for fulfilling your concentration/minor. This may take up to 15 business days to process. This feedback is why it's important to get these results *before* you register for your last semester's classes.

Additional Information:

Students who complete their degrees in the Winter term are officially graduated in May. Students who finish in Spring or Summer terms graduate in August. Students who finish in the Fall term graduate in December. Degrees are conferred at least 6 weeks after the final term ends. At that time, the university will then send your diploma to your home address listed in Wolverine Access.

UM holds two commencement ceremonies each year: May and December. Students who officially graduate in May or August are welcome to participate in the May ceremony. Students who graduate in August or December are welcome to participate in the December graduation ceremony.

The UM Office of Ceremonial and Presidential Events sends seniors information on getting tickets to commencement, cap and gowns, and other graduation-related issues. You can also visit www.umich.edu/~gradinfo for commencement-related information.

Caps, gowns, and tassels are to be purchased by the student and can be obtained from any bookstore on campus. Tassel colors are listed in the bookstores.