COMMENCEMENT PARTICIPATION POLICY

When a student has submitted a degree application for spring graduation but does not meet degree requirements due to extenuating circumstances, the student’s dean may permit the student to participate in commencement exercises. Permission may be granted only when six or fewer credits are lacking for degree completion and the student demonstrates his or her intent to complete the needed credits by the end of the summer session.

When such an exception is made, the dean confirms the following conditions to the student:

- Participation in the commencement ceremonies does not mean the student has been awarded a degree.
- The degree will be awarded in the semester or summer session in which all degree requirements have been met.
- The exemption is made only to accommodate the student’s request and does not obligate VCU to ultimately grant a degree unless all requirements and conditions have been met.

MCV Campus graduation candidates for degrees to be conferred at the close of the spring semester must be present at the universitywide graduation ceremony to receive their degrees. No individual may be exempt from this regulation unless excused by the dean of his or her school.