

We understand you may have questions about the announcement that UBalt will no longer hold a Fall commencement ceremony, and that all Fall and Spring graduates will be invited to attend the May ceremony. Please see below for an FAQ to assist in responding to your questions. If you have any additional questions, please [visit this link](#), e-mail engagement@ubalt.edu or call 410.837.5417.

If I graduate in Summer or Fall, when will I receive my diploma?

Students must apply through their student portal to graduate (receive a diploma) for the term they have completed their program requirements. The deadlines are established by Records and Registration, which are listed in the academic calendar. Please visit [here](#) for more information. Following degree validation by the Office of Records and Registration, summer and fall graduates will receive their diplomas as usual. After final grades are posted, your degrees will be conferred for those students who meet graduation requirements and have their advisors/program directors approve their graduation. Diplomas will be mailed to your local address on record approximately 8-12 weeks following the end of the semester in which you completed your program requirements and after all final grades are entered. Diplomas are not ordered for students with outstanding balances on their accounts. You do not have to attend a commencement ceremony to receive your degree. Please see the Office of Records and Registration (records@ubalt.edu) for any questions related to the receipt of your degree.

What is the difference between Commencement and Graduation?

- **Commencement** specifically refers to the ceremony, planned by the [Center for Student Engagement and Inclusion](#), where students can share the joy and excitement of their academic accomplishment with peers, family and friends. It is also a time for the university, president, deans, faculty, and staff to appreciate students for their outstanding efforts in completing their degree requirements. Participation in the commencement ceremony is not a guarantee of degree completion and official degrees are not awarded as a part of the commencement ceremony.
- **Graduation** is the process of submitting an online application that confirms all academic requirements for your degree and financial obligations to the institution have been completed. The Office of Records and Registration oversees this process. To officially graduate from UBalt, you must apply for graduation by the posted deadline.

When will I get information about Spring Commencement?

All eligible graduates will receive information about the Spring commencement ceremony in early February, and will receive ongoing communication about important dates and deadlines.

What if I have additional questions?

- Important information for graduates including an FAQ can be found [here](#).

- Find key contacts for all commencement related items [here](#).
- If you have any additional questions, please [visit this link](#), e-mail engagement@ubalt.edu or call 410.837.5417.

We will continue to provide updates via e-mail and the main [Commencement](#) page at www.ubalt.edu/commencement as we plan for Spring. We know that you have worked hard to earn your UBalt degree. Please let us know how we can assist you in celebrating this important accomplishment.