

Graduation/Degree Conferral

Russell Sage College confers bachelor's degrees three times each year: in August, December, and May. However, a commencement ceremony is held only in May. Students become candidates for degree conferral upon the filing of a completed "Graduation Application" with the Registrar's Office.

The graduation application can be found in **Self Service** using the **Graduation Overview** module. The application filing deadlines are:

- **February 15** for May degree conferral
- **June 1** for August degree conferral
- **October 1** for December degree conferral

Candidates for graduation in May of a calendar year may participate in the May Commencement ceremonies. Candidates for graduation in August or December may participate in the May Commencement ceremonies following degree completion. Those who have completed all requirements for the degree will receive their diplomas and be identified as graduates. A student may participate in Commencement ceremonies only once in connection with completion of a particular degree.

- Policy on [Commencement Eligibility](#)

For conferral of the Bachelor's Degree in May, August, or December, students must have met all [degree requirements](#) by the end of the semester or summer session preceding degree conferral date. Students enrolled in internships, externships, clinicals, student teaching, practica, or courses at another institution which are scheduled to end within one month after conferral date must supply the Registrar's Office with documentation of satisfactory progress (a letter from the instructor on the college's letterhead indicating an average of C- or better) to be eligible for degree conferral and receipt of a final transcript.