

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: How and when do I apply to graduate?

A: Log into vision and under the Student Services tab select Student Records. There you can view applications and apply to graduate. There will be a fee associated with your degree type. The official deadline for Spring graduates was April 1st. Updated information is on our webpage at Registrar.oru.edu.

Q: If I still have courses to complete can I participate in commencement?

A: You would need to submit a petition- Participate in Commencement at petitions.oru.edu. In the statement you will need to include your plan of action to complete your courses by end of summer.

Q: What if I have a balance on my student account?

A: Contact Student Accounts by phone 918-495-6370 or email studentaccounts@oru.edu. They will help you navigate this step to graduate.

Q: What is a Loan Exit Interview?

A: Loan Exit interviews are necessary if you received and used a loan while attending ORU. It must be completed for you to receive your awarded diploma.

Q: When they announce my name will they know how to pronounce it?

A: Probably not. We always ask that you spell out your name phonetically on the name card provided. This will allow you to ensure your name is properly announced and spelled.

Q: I already have an interview and they are requiring to see my diploma. What can I give them if I haven't received my diploma yet?

A: It would be suitable for you to request an Official Transcript by going to vision.oru.edu and without logging in select Official Transcript from the homepage and follow the prompts per screen to order your transcript be sent to the prospective employer. You will need to verify that you have been awarded before paying for a transcript.

Q: How long does it take to receive my diploma?

A: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the diplomas will be handed out after commencement. If you do not plan to attend or are not able they will be mailed. Please provide accurate and detailed current address information on your application or by contacting registrar@oru.edu.

Q: What needs to be done in order for my ORU records and diploma to reflect my current last name?

A: To change your ORU records you will need to upload current state issued ID and legal documentation of the name change in the Name Change form on our registrarforms.oru.edu page. If you only want it reflected on your diploma be sure to add new name on application.

Q: When should I order my regalia?

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A: This is definitely time to celebrate! Due to the COVID-19 pandemic you have until July 15th to order your regalia from the ORU bookstore. This date will ensure you have your items in a timely manner to ensure fit and availability. There is a link to the order form on registrar.oru.edu.

Q: If I purchase my regalia and the commencement is postponed or virtual what then?

A: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic we are living in a fluid and daily changing environment. It is suggested that ordering not be delayed to ensure arrival and availability. Photos and memories are timeless and your regalia is part of that. There is a no returns policy when ordering items from the bookstore. We will keep you updated on any and all commencement news.

Q: How do I graduate with honors?

A: Designation of honors recognizes your hard work and efforts. They are determined by the calculated GPA at the end of completed terms. Some departments require a senior paper/project defense for this consideration. Please contact your Major department for specification.

Q: Do veterans get recognized?

A: Of course! ORU applauds our military students. All active duty, veteran, reserves and National Guard will receive an honor cord for commencement.

Q: Doesn't walking in commencement mean I am a graduate?

A: Technically yes but it does not mean your degree has been awarded. Should you still have degree requirements to complete after commencement you will not be awarded your diploma until those are verified.

Q: What is the difference between hooding and commencement?

A: The hooding ceremony is a more intimate setting of your peers and department. You will get to fellowship with all your instructors and classmates. This is also where you will be handed out your name card and honor cord. Commencement is the grandiose compilation of all the colleges to celebrate with friends, family and all faculty of your achievements. Both are recommended and an awesome opportunity to build closer bonds.

Q: When are where are the hooding ceremonies?

A: There is a schedule of hooding ceremonies linked to here: [Hooding Schedule](#). Each department will be contacting students in regards to particulars.

Q: What time can my family arrive at the Mabee center?

A: Graduating students are asked to arrive at 11:30 am Saturday Aug. 1st for placement. Friends and family may enter the Mabee Center at 11:30 A.M.

Q: I want my ORU experience to continue. What grad programs are offered?

A: We offer 15 masters and doctoral degrees. Please contact the Grad admissions department at 918-495-6518 or gradadmissions@oru.edu for further details.