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Graduation Participation Policy

In order to graduate from the Medical College of Georgia, students must meet all of the graduation requirements as approved by the Curriculum Oversight Committee.

This policy covers special circumstances surrounding student participation in Hooding and Graduation Ceremonies as well as circumstances when students may choose to delay graduation because they were unable to obtain a residency position in the Match.

Participation in Hooding and Graduation Ceremonies

Student eligibility to participate in the Hooding/Graduation ceremonies is based on the student's standing at the time of graduation. Review by the Promotions Subcommittee may be required depending on that status.

1. **Students who have graduated the previous December:** Participation in the ceremonies is automatic. No review is necessary.
2. **Students who will have completed all course requirements by the end of April:** Participation in the ceremonies is automatic. No review is necessary.
3. **Students who will not have completed requirements by the end of April but likely will do so by June 30:** Participation is probable. An expedited review by the Promotions Sub-Committee Chair and/or full Sub-committee is necessary. This review is to verify that the student is in good standing and will likely complete requirements in time. Names will be submitted by Curriculum Office. The student does not need to take any action.

Students may appeal above decisions to the Full Promotions Committee by petitioning the Promotions Committee Chair in writing.

Except in the case of a late failure or unsuccessful match where a review may be needed in the weeks immediately prior to graduation, all student names should be submitted to the appropriate Promotions Committee officer in early April.