Top 10 Reasons Why You Should Apply for Graduation Early

10. It’s like milk. It does a body good (and it helps you sleep better at night!).
9. Because we said so.
8. Admit it: You’ve been counting down the days until you graduate since that pesky graduation fee hit your LOCUS account.
7. You don’t have anything better to do. It’s not like you have 5 classes, three tests, two papers, a presentation, and four meetings this week...or whatever.
6. We’ll Facebook stalk you until you do. Seriously. Yeah, advisors are on Facebook too . . .
5. It will make LOCUS happy.
4. Your advisor will only have good things to share with his/her colleagues about you after you leave the office.
3. How’s the saying go?: “You ain’t gotta go home, but you gotta get the heck outta here!”
2. We are eager to see you walk across the stage and shake Fr. Garanzini’s hand (whether or not you trip en route).
1. Because it takes two seconds (just about!). And you can do it from the comfort of your bed.

Seriously, though: Applying for graduation early ultimately helps you feel more confident in knowing exactly what you need to take before you’re ready to graduate. It helps you identify which classes you should take next, without registering for classes you don’t need or want. It allows you to address any issues that could, down the road, prevent you from graduating when you’d like. And it allows you and your advisor to work together to make sure you’re taking care of your requirements in the most efficient, most timely, and most meaningful way possible.

The deadline to apply for Spring 2011 or Summer 2011 graduation is October 1. However, we strongly recommend that you apply before you head home for summer graduation.

SO MAKE YOUR ADVISOR, YOUR FAMILY, AND YOURSELF HAPPY – APPLY FOR MAY 2010 GRADUATION TODAY!

How to apply for graduation:
1. Log into Locus and enter your Student Center
2. Use the drop-down menu to select “Apply for Graduation”
3. Select your desired program, then your desired graduation term
4. Press “Continue” and proofread the application information
5. Verify or update your name as it will appear on your diploma
6. Verify or update your permanent address
7. Indicate whether you will attend the graduation ceremony
8. Choose “Save Changes”
9. Choose “Continue”
10. Choose “Submit Application” — and that’s it!
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