

The Path to Graduation

Everything with a is an action item for students to complete.

1. Start Academic Clearance Process

- Applied for Preclearance
- Received approval Email (Move to #2)
- Received Denied Email (Review Email for solutions)

2. Apply for Graduation

- Complete Application on Bison Web (By Deadline)
 - ❖ Application will stay in pending status until degree awarded

3. The Student Clearance Process: Students clear other barriers

- Financial (Bursar and Financial Aid Office)
 - Paying any outstanding Balances (tuition, library fees, tickets, residents life fees, etc.)
 - Completing Student Loan Exit Interviews through FAFSA (Manage loans > exit loan counseling)
- University Exit Surveys sent to Bison Email
 - Summer Grad **July 1,**
 - Fall Grad **October 1,**
 - Spring Grad **April 1st**
- Scheduled and/or Passed Comprehensive exams- See department for details October (Fall) & March (Spring)
 - Comp Date _____ Comp Result _____
- Complete and Pass all registered final courses
- Wait for Final Clearance Email

Done!

Highly Suggested

- Check with major department to ensure you have met all requirements
- Sign up for Handshake for Jobs and grad school info
- Clearing any discrepancies on Transcript

Helpful Links

<https://ous.howard.edu/clearance-graduation>
<https://commencement.howard.edu/graduate-information>