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- Wednesday 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

THIRD WEEK OF THE FALL AND SPRING SEMESTERS
- Wednesday 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

GRAD FINALE

- Last Tuesday of October, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. & 3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- Last Tuesday of March, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. & 3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

RING CEREMONY

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- Second Thursday in November
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- Thursday prior to December Commencement
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COMMENCEMENT REHEARSAL

Behrens Auditorium, Friday before commencement, 8:00 a.m.

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Degrees are conferred at the close of the fall, spring, and summer terms. Commencement ceremonies are held at the end of the fall and spring semesters only. Summer graduation candidates participate in the fall ceremony.

**APPLICATION FOR GRADUATION**

Application for Graduation forms should be completed in the Registrar’s Office or online at [http://www.hsutx.edu/offices/registrar/graduation/](http://www.hsutx.edu/offices/registrar/graduation/)

The name you list on the application will be used for printing in the commencement program, announced on stage, and printed on your diploma. This must be a name on the official school record at the time of graduation. You will also provide a name to be used on the Alumni Wall in Centennial Plaza. Please be aware of the space limitation for this name. It may be different from the name printed in the program and on the diploma, but must also be in the official school record.

It is to the student’s benefit to file the Application for Graduation at least one semester prior to the semester the student plans to graduate. A degree audit will be conducted after the application is received and the student will receive a letter indicating graduation requirements lacking. The student should inform the Graduation Coordinator if his/her graduation date changes at least one month before graduation.

**The deadlines for filing an Application for Graduation in the Registrar’s Office are as follows:**

- March 1st for August or December Graduation
- October 1st for May Graduation

**LATE FEES**

Students filing an Application for Graduation after these dates will be charged a late fee.

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OFFICIAL HARDIN-SIMMONS UNIVERSITY RING

The Official HSU Ring was introduced by the Alumni Association in 2004. This ring is a symbol of the pride and accomplishment of Hardin-Simmons University graduates. It captures the heart of HSU and allows graduates to display the spirit of campus wherever they go.

In recognition of earning your HSU diploma, a unique program exists whereby every graduating student can receive the Official Hardin-Simmons University Ring during the semester of her/his scheduled graduation. The best part of this program is that you will not have to pay any more for your ring than you have already paid for your college expenses! Recognizing the high costs involved in earning An Education Enlightened by Faith, we want to acknowledge your success by offering you an Official HSU Ring to wear during your final semester and thereafter as a symbol of your dedication in achieving this great life milestone.

On the Alumni Association website (www.hsutx.edu/official-ring), you may preview choices such as karat weight, stone options, and style.

HSU is offering you the standard Ring in Solaris Elite (a radiant yellow 6kt metal alloy) or Silver Elite (a precious white metal alloy); in your choice of style, either large, regular, small, or petite; and with amethysts, cubic zirconia, or plain stars. You can select up to 18 letters to be engraved inside your ring. Upgrades, including diamonds and 10kt or 14kt gold, may be purchased.

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You must come by Moody Center to have your finger sized and to select the custom elements that will make this ring uniquely yours. Your completed diploma card must be on file with the Registrar’s Office prior to sizing.

ELIGIBILITY FOR A UNITY RING

ELIGIBLE FOR A UNITY PROGRAM RING

• Regularly-enrolled undergraduate and graduate students who place their order prior to their graduation ceremony and who are in good standing with the university
• MSN through nurse practitioner program
• Staff / faculty / dependents who receive the Institutional Family Grant tuition discount

NOT ELIGIBLE FOR A UNITY PROGRAM RING

• Non-local campus Logsdon students (Corpus, Lubbock, San Antonio & DFW)
• MBAE grads (Acton MBA)
• Transitional DPT degrees
• Certification only
• ME degree through the metroplex program (SWA, MAN, HEB)
RING CEREMONIES

You will receive your official ring during HSU’s Ring Celebration and Presentation Ceremony. Families are invited to share this short, yet significant occasion. In addition to your own ticket, you may reserve two additional tickets for guests. Check the University Calendar for exact dates.

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MINIMUM GRADE POINT AVERAGE
In order to graduate, a student must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.00 overall including a cumulative average of 2.00 in all work completed at HSU as well as in work in both the major and minor. Programs leading to Teacher Preparation require a 2.80 GPA. Some majors require a higher GPA. (Refer to departmental offerings for specific information.)

MINIMUM CREDITS REQUIRED
A minimum of 124 semester credits is required for a baccalaureate degree, but some degrees require more than 124 semester credits. (Refer to departmental offerings for specific information.)

RESIDENCE WORK
A student transferring from a senior college or university who wishes to complete a degree from HSU must complete at least 25% of the credit hours required for the degree (excluding intercollegiate work) in residence from HSU. At least twelve upper level credits in the major field, and six upper level credits in the minor field must be taken from HSU when the major and/or minor fields are offered at HSU.

TRANSFER WORK DURING THE SENIOR YEAR
A maximum of nine semester credits may be transferred from another senior institution during the senior year (last 30 credits), provided the student has met the minimum residence requirement and advance approval is granted from the Registrar’s Office. (See Post-Enrollment Transfer Credit in the catalog.) Official transcripts must be sent directly from the college or university attended to the Office of the Registrar, HSU Box 16190, Abilene, TX 79698-6190.

Proof of enrollment must be received by the Registrar 30 days prior to graduation to be eligible to participate in a commencement ceremony. The degree will not be awarded until the final official transcript has been received.

CLEP POLICY
Students may earn credit through satisfactory scores (as recommended by the American Council on Education) on the Subject Examinations as indicated in this catalog. (Note: Enrollment in the equivalent class prevents the student from attempting credit by examination in that class.) No CLEP tests can be taken after the last date to register for a course during a student’s last semester.

UPPER LEVEL WORK
A minimum of 42 semester credits in courses at the junior and/or senior (3000-4000) level must be completed before a bachelor’s degree is granted. At least 18 semester credits in the major field of study and at least six semester credits in the minor field of study must be upper level work. Work transferred from a junior college will not count toward the upper level credits requirement.
DEGREE PLAN (ACADEMIC EVALUATION)
The student, and the advisor(s), as well as the Preparation Officer in the School of Education (if applicable), will receive a copy of the degree audit and academic evaluation from the Office of the Registrar. All substitutions and waivers must be submitted by the advisors in the major and minor areas prior to clearance for graduation.

INCOMPLETE GRADES
Incomplete (I) and in progress (IP) grades from a previous semester must be completed and grades posted two weeks prior to commencement.

STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS
A student may graduate under the curriculum provisions of any single catalog in effect for any academic year for which the student was enrolled so long as the catalog selected is dated not more than five years prior to the student’s date of graduation unless those provisions have been changed in response to an external mandate by the state or by the relevant accrediting body.

PROFICIENCY EXAMS

WRITING PROFICIENCY EXAM
The Writing Proficiency Exam (WPE) is required on all HSU undergraduate degree plans. The fee for the Exam is non-refundable. Students taking the Exam must have completed 75 hours, including 6 hours in English Composition. As soon as the prerequisite is met, Juniors should register for PROF-3000. Announcements and grades are posted on Blackboard. Sample prompts and preparation guidelines are also posted on Blackboard. Each student receives “Credit” (CR) or “No Credit” (NC). Students receiving “NC” should register for the WPE the following semester. Graduating seniors who receive a grade of “NC” must register for ENGL-2101, a composition seminar.

TECHNOLOGICAL COMPETENCY
Each student must demonstrate technological proficiency through coursework or testing identified by his or her major.

SCHOOL OF MUSIC
Music majors must complete comprehensives as required for the major. Contact your advisor for more information.

CHAPEL REQUIREMENTS

CHAPEL-ASSEMBLY CREDIT
The purpose of HSU chapel is to enlighten by faith the Hardin-Simmons community through worship, dialogue, and community service. HSU students are required to accumulate 80 chapel credits (40 for nursing students) in order to graduate. Students may earn chapel credits by attending chapel, alternative chapel events, and by performing approved community service.

The deadline for chapel credits to be completed and reported to the Registrar’s Office is April 15th for spring, July 15th for summer, and November 15th for fall graduation.

Failure to meet the deadline will result in deferring graduation. If chapel credits are completed after the deadline (including verification by Chapel Office), but before commencement, the student may pay a $100 late fee to be reactivated for graduation in the current semester upon approval by the graduation coordinator.
FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS TO THE UNIVERSITY

STUDENT ACCOUNTS
Students are required to settle all accounts in a manner satisfactory to the University Controller before a diploma or transcript will be awarded or mailed.

LOAN EXIT COUNSELING
Loan Exit Counseling is required for all of the direct student, direct PLUS, and private loans. Students who received federal loans are not eligible for a diploma or for official transcripts from HSU until all applicable federal exit counseling tutorials have been successfully completed, documented and made a part of your permanent HSU Financial Aid file. To proceed to the exit counseling session(s) you need to complete, go to: http://www.hsutx.edu/offices/financial-aid/entrance-exit-counseling/

SURVEY
All graduating students are asked to complete an online graduation survey. The survey link is emailed to students prior to graduation. Your feedback is important, so please take a few minutes to complete the survey.

REHEARSAL
Rehearsal for the commencement ceremony will be held in Behrens Auditorium from 8:00–9:00 a.m. on the Friday before commencement.

PARTICIPATION IN GRADUATION EXERCISES
All candidates for degrees are requested to participate in the commencement ceremony. Candidates must be enrolled in all courses required to complete the degree including chapel and Writing Proficiency. Chapel and Writing Proficiency must be completed by the deadlines of April 15th (May graduation) and November 15th (December graduation). Students with any graduation requirements not completed by these dates will be excluded from walking at their respective graduation ceremony.

GRADUATION CEREMONIES – SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
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Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing

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Kelley College of Business
Irvin School of Education
College of Fine Arts
ARRIVAL
Please meet in the Van Ellis Theatre **one hour prior to your scheduled ceremony.** You will be given instructions for the day and a name card (the name printed on your card comes from your Application for Graduation).

PROCESSIONAL
At the appointed time, graduates will be led from the Van Ellis Theatre to Behrens Auditorium by a Student Marshal.

- Graduates are lined up alphabetically by degree.
- Once you have been escorted to your seat, please remain standing until all graduates have entered and you have been instructed to be seated.

CEREMONY
Ceremonies will last approximately 1 ½ hours. Graduates should remain seated until they have been instructed by the Faculty Marshal to approach the stage to receive their diploma covers. A photographer will take a picture while you are on stage and after with your diploma cover. You will then be instructed to return to your seat until the conclusion of the ceremony.

RECESSIONAL
At the conclusion of commencement, all graduates will be led from Behrens auditorium. It is important that all graduates immediately exit Behrens Auditorium and meet your guest(s) at the Alumni Wall or some other appointed meeting place away from the building.

COMMENCEMENT ETIQUETTE
HSU’s commencement ceremony is a very formal event. Please ask your guests to act in a dignified manner. Family members and friends of each graduate will be asked to stand as their graduate crosses the stage. To maintain decorum fitting of the ceremony, the following items are prohibited:

- Alterations/enhancements of regalia (including cap)
- Air horns
- Balloons
- Signs
- Food
- Drinks
- Tobacco products (HSU is a tobacco free campus)

Viewing of Live streaming of the ceremony is available in the lobby if it is more convenient or necessary to leave the auditorium.

ACADEMIC REGALIA
All degree candidates must wear the appropriate academic regalia to participate in commencement, which includes the traditional cap, gown, and tassel. These are sold as a package and may be purchased through the HSU Bookstore at the **GRAD FINALE** event or at the bookstore until graduation day.

The cap and gown are formal attire and should be worn as such. You may not alter or adorn your regalia in any way, this includes Nursing pins, corsages, decorated caps, etc. Dark slacks and black shoes for men and black shoes for women are appropriate attire. The cap should be worn straight on the head, tassel to the right-front. Men should follow the stage party in removing their cap during the ceremony.
Graduates will not be allowed to carry any personal items (purses, computers, video cameras, notebooks, etc.) in the processional. Please leave these items with a family member or guest.

TASSEL COLORS ARE AS FOLLOWS

College of Fine Arts
- School of Music ................................................................. Pink
- Art and Theatre ................................................................. Dark Brown

Cynthia Ann Parker College of Liberal Arts .................................... White

Holland School of Sciences and Mathematics ................................ Yellow
- Department of Physical Therapy ........................................ Teal
- Irvin School of Education ................................................ Blue
- Kelley College of Business ............................................... Light Brown
- Logsdon School of Theology ............................................. Scarlet
- Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing .............................. Apricot

HONOR CORDS

Students who meet University criteria and have be designated as graduating with honors will be issued gold honor cords from the Registrar’s Office to be worn at commencement. Students in the University Honors Program may wear their Honors Program medallion, but no other honor cords may be worn.
AWARDS AND HONORS

GRADUATION HONORS (FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES)

A student who has completed 60 credits of HSU residence credit and has earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.55 is awarded cum laude honors.

A student who has completed 60 credits of HSU residence credit and has earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.75 is awarded magna cum laude honors.

A student who has completed 60 credits of HSU residence credit and has earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.90 is awarded summa cum laude honors.

NOTE: GPA from previous semester is the basis for honors read at Commencement. Honors for transcript and diploma are based on actual GPA after requirements are completed.

COMMENCEMENT AWARDS

THE ANDERSON MEDALS

Two awards are presented at spring commencement in the name of George Skiles Anderson and Minnie L. Anderson, longtime benefactors. The medals go to the senior man and senior woman who, having spent three or more years (90 semester credits including international study work taken through HSU) in residence at HSU, have excelled in character, personal development, and service to the University as recommended by a faculty/staff committee.

THE JULIUS NELSON OLSEN MEDAL

Dr. and Mrs. Julius Olsen established the Julius Nelson Olsen Medal in 1914 in memory of their son. It is perpetuated through a bequest by Dean Julius Olsen, who was Professor of Physics at Hardin-Simmons University from 1902-1942 and Dean of the University during much of that time. This medal is awarded annually at spring commencement to the graduate who has the highest grade average, has exemplified the highest scholarly achievement, and has completed at least 90 semester credits of residence credit at Hardin-Simmons University including international study work taken through HSU.

THE WINNIE K. AND D. M. WIGGINS MEDAL

Awarded to the senior student graduating during the winter commencement for academic excellence throughout his/her entire college career. The medal will go to one who has spent three or more years in residence (including international study work taken through HSU) and who has excelled in character, personal development, and academic achievement.

THE ACADEMIC FOUNDATION MEDAL

Established in 1999 by The Academic Foundation of Hardin-Simmons University, the medal is awarded annually during the winter commencement to the graduate who has the highest grade average, exemplifies the highest scholarly achievement, and has completed at least 90 semester credits of residence credit at Hardin-Simmons University including international study work taken through HSU.

OTHER AWARDS

Hardin-Simmons University presents numerous other medals and awards to deserving students who demonstrate excellence in academics, athletics, and service to others. These awards are sponsored by various campus departments and organizations as well as memorial foundations and endowments.
PHOTOGRAPHY

HSU has selected Grad Images for our photography services. We are confident that they will provide our graduates and families with the best graduation photography services in the industry. Graduates should receive information to their HSU email address within just a couple of days following their commencement ceremony. You may set-up your account with Grad Images prior to the commencement ceremony and share your images with others so that they can view and order images. For more information, www.gradimages.com

AFTER COMMENCEMENT

HSU POST OFFICE

If you currently have a HSU Post Office Box, please contact the Post Office, 325-670-1321, to cancel your box and provide them with your forwarding address.

MAILING DIPLOMA

Once all grades are submitted and degrees are posted, diplomas will be mailed to the address you provided when you filed your Application for Graduation. Students who complete their degree requirements should receive their diploma by mail approximately three weeks after the last day of class in the semester in which they graduate. All holds must be cleared or we will be unable to mail your diploma. These diplomas will be held in the Registrar’s Office until all holds have been cleared.

If your address has changed since you applied for graduation, please contact Paula Fine, HSU Graduation Coordinator, by email at pfine@hsutx.edu or by phone at 325-670-1202. Changing your address in another office will not change your diploma address.
CONTINUING EDUCATION

REQUIREMENTS FOR A SECOND BACCALAUREATE DEGREE
A student who desires to earn a second baccalaureate degree must complete the requirements of a single catalog in effect since entering school for the second degree under the statute of limitations. All of the components of the degree (foundational curriculum, Writing Proficiency, major, and minor) must be completed under the curriculum provisions of the catalog. A minimum of 30 semester credits beyond the first bachelor’s degree is required. All work taken at HSU after the first degree will be figured into the GPA (not just the major courses).

AUDITING CLASSES
Graduates of HSU are eligible to audit up to 12 hours free of charge. Those graduating with a bachelor’s degree may audit undergraduate courses, and those graduating with a master’s degree may audit graduate courses. Normal restrictions apply to classes available for audit (lab, studio, fieldwork, activity courses may not be audited).

CAREER SERVICES
The Office of Career Services supports students in their career development by offering workshops, information sessions, and a variety tools in their journey towards graduate school or full time employment, and assistance with job search strategies and other questions you may have regarding your career development.

Check out the useful resources at www.hsutx.edu/offices/career-services/. Career Services Job Board, College Central Network, includes a resume builder and podcasts. Go to www.collegecentral.com/hsutx to register and learn about all the resources available on this free resource.

Be sure to complete the survey from Career Services regarding your plans after graduation. You will receive an email three and six months after graduation regarding your employment status.

ALUMNI SERVICES
The HSU Alumni Association was established in 1896 to promote the continued well-being of the University. Over 20,000 graduates and former students comprise the Alumni Association of Hardin-Simmons University. Led by a 21-member Board of Directors, the Association exists to promote and maintain lifelong friendships among its members and mutually beneficial relationships with the University.

Upon graduation, alumni immediately become members of the Association. Former students who don’t hold an HSU degree will be granted membership upon request. Membership is free and the privileges are many. Membership is for life, and the Office of Alumni Relations is here for you. Stay connected at www.hsutx.edu/alumni

The Alumni Wall located in Centennial Plaza bears bronze plaques with the names of all graduates of Hardin-Simmons University. A temporary plaque is mounted at the time of commencement. A final bronze plaque is ordered after the December commencement ceremony and will have the names of the graduates for the entire year.
COMMENCEMENT GUEST INFORMATION

PARKING
Parking for handicapped guests will be available in the area in front of Behrens Chapel. All other guests should plan to park in available parking around Behrens and adjacent parking lots.

SEATING
Seating is available for your guests on a first-come basis. We ask that guests do not hold seats. Those needing a wheelchair accessible area can be accommodated. Please inform Paula Fine during rehearsal or by e-mail if you have a guest coming who will need one of these areas or contact Kimberly Beal, kbeal@hstux.edu, to reserve a space for a wheelchair.

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LIVE STREAM OF COMMENCEMENT
Live streaming of Hardin-Simmons University’s Commencement Ceremonies is available online at www.hsutx.edu/live. Archives of past live streams, beginning with the Spring 2012 Ceremony, are also available online.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Please reserve your rooms early. In Abilene, all three higher education institutions hold commencement on the same weekend as well as other cultural events, so please do not delay in making reservations.

HOTEL DISCOUNT
LaQuinta provides a 12% discount when you reserve a room using the promotional code HARDIN. Future HSU students will also benefit from your LaQuinta stays as LaQuinta gives 10% of the room rate to our University Annual Scholarship Fund. Use this promotional code any time you stay with LaQuinta.

RENTAL CARS
Hertz offers a 10% discount to HSU Alumni - mention Hardin Simmons University and the CDP ID Number 95655.