

# California State University Monterey Bay

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## **Participation in Commencement Policy**

This policy establishes the guidelines for participation by students in commencement.

### 1.00 Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish the protocol for student participation in commencement. This policy is intended to reflect the University's commitment to the principles, goals, and ideals described in the CSUMB Vision Statement and to its core values.

#### 2.00 Commencement

California State University, Monterey Bay shall hold commencement during the month of May. Participation in the commencement ceremony is voluntary.

#### 2.10 Participants

A student earning a baccalaureate or graduate degree or teaching credential is eligible to participate in one commencement ceremony when the degree or credential was earned either 1) the fall semester before the ceremony, 2) the spring semester of the ceremony, or 3) the summer semester after the ceremony.

Students whose degrees or credentials may be earned during the fall semester may not participate in commencement the spring before the degree is earned.

#### 3.00 Continuous Renewal

This policy shall be reviewed in ten years from its effective date. This policy may be reviewed before that time as necessary.

President Eduardo M. Ochoa

Effective Date:

9/13/12

#### Certification of Process

Reviewed by: Policy Facilitation Team, Matriculation Committee, Academic Affairs Council, Academic Senate Executive Committee, Academic Senate, Associated Students, and Enrollment Services and Student Affairs Leadership Team