

PETITION TO GRADUATE

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

Students must return a completed Petition to Graduate form to their Program Director before the appropriate deadline indicated below. *Incomplete petitions will be returned to the student.* Petitions received by the Program Director *after* the deadline, or filled out with the incorrect graduation date, may result in a postponed graduation date or the student's name being left out of the commencement program.

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DIPLOMA NAME:

Please print your name EXACTLY as you wish it to appear on your diploma.

First Middle Last

Degree: *Please check degree you are receiving.*

- _____ M.A. in English
- _____ M.A. in Gender & Cultural Studies
- _____ M.A. in History
- _____ Master in Public Policy
- _____ Dual Degree in _____ & _____

Conferral Date: *Please check one.*

- _____ January 2016 Petition due by November 1.
- _____ May 2016 Petition due by November 1.
- _____ August 2016 Petition due by April 1.
- _____ October 2016 Petition due by April 1.

Diplomas will not be ordered for students who don't return completed petitions. Late petitions may delay the availability of your diploma.

Previous Degrees Earned:

College: _____ Degree: _____ (B.A., B.S., M.A., etc.)
College: _____ Degree: _____

Commencement:

Students who will finish their degree requirements by May 2016 are invited to participate in the commencement ceremony on May 20, 2016.

Graduate students in the College of Arts & Sciences who will *not* finish their requirements by May, but can demonstrate that their degree will be completed **no later than October of that year**, are allowed to participate in the Commencement ceremony in May if they have the approval of their program and the Office of the Registrar. If approved to participate, students finishing up over the summer (1) will not receive their diplomas until all degree requirements are complete, including credits, (2) will have a notation next to their names in the commencement program indicating they will not be finished until later in the academic year, (3) will be responsible for communicating with the Office of the Registrar and their academic program before June 30 about the completion of their degrees, to make certain that they are included on the appropriate August or October graduation list, and (4) must also submit a completed Petition to Participate in Commencement form that can be downloaded from the Registrar's website at <http://commencement.simmons.edu/participate>.

Do you plan to attend the Commencement ceremony on Friday, May 20, 2016? _____ Yes _____ No

Diplomas:

Diplomas may be picked up at Commencement 2016 or in the Office of the Registrar *two business days* after Commencement; a photo ID is required to pick up your diploma. For January, August and October graduates, diplomas will be mailed to you directly from our printing company **to the Preferred Mailing Address that we have on record for you on your Manage Contact/Emergency Info page in AARC. Please update your address on AARC when you submit your petition**, to ensure that your diploma is sent to the correct place. Replacement diplomas cost \$25, and should be requested in writing from the Office of the Registrar, Simmons College, 300 The Fenway, Boston, 02115.

Student signature: _____ ID # or S.S. #: _____

Program Director signature: _____ Date: _____