

# BENNINGTON COLLEGE

## PETITION FOR EARLY GRADUATION

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Area(s) of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Graduation Date (as noted in Populi) : \_\_\_\_\_

Requested Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please note that most students require eight terms of work in order to qualify for graduation. An accumulation of credits alone does not qualify a student for early graduation, nor does financial hardship. In order to complete a degree in fewer than eight terms, the student must submit a petition which addresses how they will meet the College's standards for a liberal education, including how they will meet the goals of their Plan and achieve advanced work in their area(s) of study.

The earliest date at which early graduation can be granted is during the term preceding the anticipated final term; in some instances, the decision will not be made until the final term. The Plan committee and the Provost's Office review the petition. Submit all requirements as listed below to Jennifer Burg in Academic Services:

The petition must include the following:

- Student's statement explaining how sufficient credits have been earned and how their work demonstrates sufficient breadth and depth
- This signed cover sheet, including an acknowledgment regarding the commencement ceremony
- A completed Plan Committee Endorsement Form *or*, if your requested change in graduation date was discussed at your last Plan meeting, the documented support of your Plan committee in the Plan Committee Assessment Form

Students with a current anticipated graduation date in any spring term are not permitted to elect participation in a commencement ceremony that is different from that term. If you choose to adjust your graduation date to the fall term before your current anticipated graduation date, you will still participate in commencement during the spring term of your original anticipated graduation date. *Your signature below acknowledges your agreement with the above.*

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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PLAN COMMITTEE ENDORSEMENT FORM**

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**To the Plan Committee: Please review this student's petition for early graduation and sign below to assert your belief that they are positioned achieve the goals of the Plan and achieve their advanced work by their requested graduation date.**

Faculty Advisor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty Advisor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Committee Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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