# Westfield State University

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### **GRADUATION CEREMONY PARTICIPATION**

#### **PURPOSE**

To define the criteria needed to participate in the graduation ceremony.

## **POLICY**

- 1. In order to allow potential August graduates to participate in commencement with their graduating class, students who have completed at least 114 semester hours of credit may submit a written petition to the appropriate dean, requesting that they be allowed to participate in the ceremonies.
- 2. Students requesting such permission should be within two courses of completing all degree requirements and have definite plans to complete the needed courses over the summer. In addition, to participate in the ceremony, the student must have met the requirement of a 2.0 GPA for overall work in the major. Permission is granted at the discretion of the Academic Vice President and is contingent upon the student's completion of all courses in progress.

#### **REVIEW**

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Vice President for Academic Affairs.