Graduation Options for Chicago Booth Students

The University of Chicago holds graduation ceremonies each quarter. Evening MBA and Weekend MBA students are able to plan their coursework to graduate in either Summer, Autumn, Winter, or Spring Quarter.

Depending on the quarter and year of your graduation, the ceremony day, time, location, and number of tickets may differ. We have provided information below in order to assist you with determining which ceremony best fits your schedule and needs.

Summer Quarter
- Ceremony: Chicago Booth graduates participate in the University-wide Convocation
- Location: Hyde Park at Rockefeller Chapel
- Date/Time: Friday of finals week at approximately 3pm
- Tickets: Due to the limited amount of space in Rockefeller Chapel, students are only guaranteed 4 tickets. Additional tickets may be requested, but will be granted on a space available basis via a random lottery

Autumn Quarter
- Ceremony: Chicago Booth graduates participate in the University-wide Convocation
- Location: Hyde Park at Rockefeller Chapel
- Date/Time: Friday of finals week at approximately 2pm
- Tickets: Due to the limited amount of space in Rockefeller Chapel, students are only guaranteed 3 tickets. Additional tickets may be requested, but will be granted on a space available basis via a random lottery.

Winter Quarter
- Ceremony: Chicago Booth graduates participate in the University-wide Convocation
- Location: Hyde Park at Rockefeller Chapel
- Date/Time: Friday of finals week at approximately 3pm
- Tickets: Due to the limited amount of space in Rockefeller Chapel, students are only guaranteed 2 tickets. Additional tickets may be requested, but will be granted on a space available basis via a random lottery. As a result of a larger graduating class, extra tickets are often not available for the Winter ceremony. (Please note: The Executive Booth MBA students from North America, Singapore, and London graduate in this quarter.)
Spring Quarter*
There are 2 ceremonies in Spring quarter, and Chicago Booth students may participate in either, both or none as follows:

University-wide Graduation:
- Ceremony: Includes degree candidates from all programs. Students will not receive degrees at this ceremony; rather, the University will recognize degree candidates grouped by program. Students will be recognized individually and diplomas will be distributed at the Chicago Booth ceremony (please see below)
- Location: University of Chicago Hyde Park Campus
- Date/Time: Saturday of finals week at 9am
- Tickets: Tickets are not required, and there are no limitations on the number of guests students may bring

Chicago Booth Graduation:
- Ceremony: Chicago Booth will hold a separate ceremony where degree candidates will have their names read and receive their diplomas individually
- Location: McCormick Place Arie Crown Theatre
- Date/Time: Saturday of finals week- procession begins at 4:15pm
- Tickets: Tickets are not required, and there are no limitations on the number of guests students may bring
- A reception will follow the event at Arie Crown Theatre (Please note: The Full-Time Booth MBA students graduate in Spring quarter)

Students have flexibility to choose the ceremony and quarter that best meets their needs, and should take into consideration a couple of additional policies:
- Students may only walk in the ceremony of their official graduation
- Students may only postpone graduation for one quarter after completing all degree requirements
- Students must apply for graduation through the Graduation Application no later than the finals week the quarter before graduation.

Finally, you may update your intended graduation quarter and year at any time using the Graduation Application. You can find the Graduation Application by logging in to the Portal, scrolling down, and locating the link on the right-hand side of the page.

Please direct any questions to the Evening MBA and Weekend MBA Programs Office at ewmba@lists.chicagoboost.edu or 312-464-8660.