Degrees are awarded three times a year: August 31 for students completing their degree requirements during the summer; February 1 for students completing their requirements during the fall semester, and at the annual May commencement ceremony on the date designated in the college academic calendar. Students who anticipate completing degree requirements the following May, August or September should submit an “Application for Graduation through the commencement community page on myCanisius by the deadlines below:

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To qualify for the degree of bachelor of arts or bachelor of science, a candidate must complete a minimum of 120 credit hours, the core curriculum requirements and all requirements of the major. To qualify for the degree of associate of arts, a candidate must complete satisfactorily 20 three- or four-credit hour courses and a minimum of 60 credit hours.

Satisfactory completion of requirements means that the candidate has maintained the grade point average indicated in the section on Academic Standing and has completed all general and departmental requirements as outlined in this catalog.

In extraordinary circumstances a student may petition the Student Records and Financial Services Center to be allowed to participate in graduation ceremonies even though the student will not have completed all degree requirements by the date of commencement. Before graduation, the degree candidate must settle all accounts with the Center.

A student who completes the degree requirements in August or December and wishes to obtain his/her diploma before the next commencement should call or visit the Student Records and Financial Services Center after August 31 or February 1. Each student’s name should be submitted to the Center office exactly as the student wishes it to appear on all official documents of the college.

It is the student’s responsibility to keep this file accurate. A fee of $30.00 will be assessed to reprint a diploma if the name on the new diploma is to differ from that on the official record of the college.

**Graduation Honors**

Only students who have completed the last 60 credit hours of academic work at Canisius College are eligible for graduating with honors. The Canisius College cumulative grade point average (truncated at two decimal points) determines graduation with honors according to the following scale:

- Degree is awarded summa cum laude to those whose average is 3.80 or higher.
- Degree is awarded magna cum laude to those whose average is 3.65 or higher.
- Degree is awarded cum laude to those whose average is 3.45 or higher.