



# Century College Policy

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#### **Application for Graduation:**

Application for a degree, diploma, certificate or MnTC notation must be made at least six weeks prior to its awarding. Any student meeting the graduation requirements at the end of that semester or summer session may apply. A high school transcript is required by graduates who have been out of high school for less than five years.

#### **Time Limit for Meeting Graduation Requirements:**

Students completing graduation requirements in six years or less for liberal arts or five years or less for technical education shall follow the catalog requirements in effect at the time of their initial enrollment or may choose any succeeding catalog in effect during this time period. Students, who by petition are granted an extension of the time limit, shall follow any catalog in effect during the five to six year period preceding their date of graduation.

NOTE: Students in technical/occupational education programs may be required by the discipline to follow changes in the career course requirements that occur during their enrollment in their respective programs. Students in technical/occupational programs who have a break in their attendance for one semester or more must meet with their program advisor to discuss their educational plan. These students will be required to follow any changes in the technical/occupational program requirements that have occurred.

To insure students graduate with up-to-date skills, technical credits being used for specific technical program requirements are valid for five years. This includes transfer technical credits.

#### **Graduation Residency Requirements for Transfer Students:**

To be eligible for a degree from Century, students must earn a minimum of 20 college level credits at Century College. The degree residency requirement will be reduced to 12 college-level credits for students transferring at least 8 college-level credits from another MnSCU institution and/or the University of Minnesota. At least one third of the credits for a diploma or certificate must be earned at Century. To receive a MnTC notation on the Century College transcript students must have attended one semester (completed at least one college level course) at Century College.

#### **Best Credits for Graduation:**

By academic petition, students having less than a cumulative of 2.00 GPA for graduation may use their best credits to achieve a 2.00 GPA or better, providing that all MnTC distribution requirements and degree requirements and the minimum number of credits for the program are met with those courses being used in the best credits. In these best credits for the degree, a student must have a cumulative GPA of 2.00, a MnTC GPA of 2.00, a 2.00 GPA in the required career and occupational courses and a Century College GPA of 2.00.

## **Honors**

### **Graduation with Distinction:**

Degrees and diplomas will be awarded with distinction and certificates with merit to those students graduating with a Century cumulative grade point average of 3.50 or better. Those degree and diploma students with a 3.50 to 3.74 grade average will be graduated “with distinction.” Those students with a 3.75 or above will be graduated “with high distinction.”

### **Deans’ List:**

Full-time students, those who have taken 12 or more college level credits during the Semester, will have achieved the Deans’ List if they have no F’s or I’s and have attained a semester grade point average of at least 3.75. College-level courses are those numbered 1000 or above.

### **References:**

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