

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR “DEGREE ONLY” REGISTRATION

## REQUIREMENTS:

You are eligible for “Degree Only” registration for the current semester if:

- All course work, non-thesis comprehensive exam, thesis/dissertation defense, and departmental requirements have been completed in a **previous** semester.
- Your thesis or dissertation is submitted to and **approved** by the Graduate School, and Registration is completed, by the “Degree Only” **deadline** in the semester in which you plan to graduate. (See the current Graduate School Calendar).

## PROCEDURE:

Before you can **meet the deadline** to register “Degree Only”, you must:

- **Submit** the Application for Degree, to be placed on the graduation list and tracked as a Degree Only candidate. On the application, check “Yes” for Degree Only Registration. (Please note: as a Degree Only candidate, your Application for Degree should be submitted prior to the beginning of the semester in which you plan to graduate.)
- If you are a **non-thesis** master’s candidate, your final exam results form must have been submitted by your department for approval by the Graduate School.
- If you are writing a **thesis** or **dissertation**, it must be submitted to the LSU Digital Commons repository and subsequently **approved** by the Graduate School. The final exam results form and Approval Sheets must also be received and approved. The Graduate School editor will review your document and notify you about any required corrections that must be completed before the document can be approved. Please refer to the current Graduate School Calendar for all applicable deadlines.
- Once the above steps have been completed, a final degree audit is conducted by the Graduate School, in order to ensure that all of your degree requirements have been completed and that you are approved for Degree Only registration.
- If you are approved for Degree Only, the Graduate School will change your semester code to Degree Only and will contact you by email, prompting you to complete registration and pay fees through MyLSU. You will not be able to complete Degree Only registration until you receive this email.
- You will **not** be registered “Degree Only” until you **pay** your graduation fees.
- If you have entered a schedule or have completed registration for thesis/dissertation hours or a course, you must drop your schedule, before the Graduate School can enter your degree only semester code. Hence, you will not be considered an enrolled student once your Degree Only registration is completed.