

Anticipated Graduation Date Policy

An Austin College undergraduate degree generally requires four years to complete. As such, upon matriculation, each undergraduate student is assigned an anticipated graduation date corresponding to four years of education. For most students who enter as freshmen, this date remains the same during their time at Austin College. For transfer students, this date is adjusted after all transfer credits have been assessed to reflect the remaining time needed to meet graduation requirements. Some students, however, come to Austin College with enough credit to graduate earlier than expected, while other students need a little extra time to finish their degree. In these instances, students can use the [Change of Anticipated Graduation Date form](#) to request that their date be adjusted.

Changing an Anticipated Graduation Date

Shorter Time to Graduation: To request a date that is earlier than their current date, students must meet the following requirements:

1. Have earned 8 or more credits
2. Have completed at least one long term (fall or spring) at Austin College
3. Declare a major and minor (or second major) using the forms available in the [Forms Repository](#) on the Registrar's Office website
4. Work with their mentor to develop a plan for completing all Compass Curriculum and other degree requirements by the desired anticipated graduation date.

Students must complete steps 1 and 2 before submitting the [Change of Anticipated Graduation Date form](#). When submitting the form, students are asked to demonstrate they can graduate by entering anticipated courses by semester and degree requirement. Any approved change to the anticipated graduation date will go into effect once it is reflected in WebHopper. Because some processes rely on data pulled from the system early in the semester, the full effect of a changed anticipated graduation date may not be seen until the semester following approval.

Registration times: Students who enter as freshmen are assigned registration times based on their entering cohort unless they have been approved to graduate earlier than their cohort. Transfer students are assigned registration times based on their anticipated graduation date. If a student plans to graduate early and wants their next registration time adjusted based on the new date, they must submit a [Change of Anticipated Graduation Date form](#) by the last day to add a course that's listed in the Academic Calendar for the current semester. (*Note: For Fall 2023, the deadline will be extended to Sept. 30.*)

Longer Time to Graduation: To change an anticipated graduation date to one later in the calendar than the current anticipated date, a student must fill out the form with their current date and the new anticipated graduation date.

Once submitted, an application will be reviewed by the Registrar's Office and a faculty member. Students should allow 2-3 weeks for review. They will receive an email when a final decision has been made.