

# Record-setting 12,000 ASU graduates set to celebrate fall 2025 graduation

## Students powering jobs across Arizona and the country

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More than 12,000 students will join the ranks of Arizona State University alumni during this year's fall commencement ceremonies on Dec. 15.

This 9% increase from last fall's numbers reflects the steady growth of ASU's in-person and online programs, and the university's role in serving the people of Arizona and beyond, as these graduates pursue their individual goals.

[Ranked No. 2 in employability](#) in the United States, the university bridges higher education with growing industries locally and internationally. Graduates are entering high-demand careers across technology, health care and sustainability, and they create real-world impact for others as well as for themselves.

This fall's changemakers include graduates like [Erik Challenger Sr.](#), who earned his master's degree in emergency management and homeland security from the [Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions](#) and learned how to shape policies for emergency services that could save lives. [Jessica Lopez](#), a [Barrett, The Honors College ASU Online](#) graduate, chose ASU to continue her advocacy in disability resources and accessibility in travel. [Mudit Lal](#), who came to ASU from Lucknow, India, found community on the Polytechnic campus as an [Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering](#) student while creating his own design company.

The graduating class of 12,305 includes 5,418 on-campus students and 6,887 ASU Online students. Enrollment grew 11% for ASU Online between 2024–25 and 2025–26. The fall class also includes 1,596 international graduates, which is more than 15% higher<sup>1</sup> than last fall.

The top three schools for largest total graduating classes are: The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences with 2,570 graduates; the Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering with 2,317; and the W. P. Carey School of Business with 1,642. All three colleges are celebrating 9% more graduates in one

year.

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## Fall commencement schedule

### Graduate Commencement

9 a.m. Monday, Dec. 15

Desert Financial Arena

### Undergraduate Commencement

2:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 15

Mountain America Stadium

There are also 20 college-specific convocations and seven special-interest celebrations in Tempe and metro Phoenix. [View the full schedule.](#)

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<sup>1</sup> These figures represent the number of students who have applied for graduation as of Nov. 21. The exact number of degrees may change up to two weeks after graduation.

## Main image



Students celebrate at the fall 2024 undergraduate commencement at Mountain America Stadium. Photo by Samantha Chow/Arizona State University