

Definition of a Student at AKU:

Student status is linked to enrolment at the University. An individual is considered to be a student while s/he is eligible to continue in the programme of studies in which they were admitted.

NOTE: A student remains enrolled until successful completion of the final year exams and the announcement/approval of results. A student who has not cleared/passed this final assessment, remains “active” and continues to be considered a student.

Upon completion of the programme of studies (graduation), or upon receipt of notice from the university that the student has been granted a leave of absence, suspended, withdrawn, discontinued, rusticated or otherwise notified that s/he is not eligible to continue studies, the individual is no longer considered to be a student.

Student status is not linked to the Convocation. An individual who has completed her/his programme of study, but has not yet been awarded his/her degree or diploma at Convocation, is considered to be a “graduand”. Once the individual has received his/her diploma/degree, s/he is considered a ‘graduate’ or ‘alum’ of the university.

The University tries to organize the convocation as close to the completion of exams to facilitate attendance of graduands.

Current AKU policy dictates that graduands are not eligible to receive documentation that they would be eligible to receive as a student of the University. This includes, unless otherwise indicated and approved, letters for visa extensions, and paperwork to request for observerships/clerkships at different university and university hospitals.