The Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico reserves the right to make changes in the different curricula and degree requirements at its discretion. As a rule, a student is entitled to graduate under the curriculum requirements in force at the time of admission to the Institution. However, students who fail to fulfill the graduation requirements within the regular period of time assigned to their corresponding curricula, and students who re-enroll after a period of one year of absence or more, are governed by the existing curricular requirements at the time of graduation. To receive a graduation diploma from the Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico, candidates must meet the following conditions or requirements:

1. Apply for graduation after the completion of about 80% of the credit-hours required by filing an application form at the Graduate Affairs Office on the day the student registers in the fall term of the last year of studies.
2. Pay the graduation fee and satisfy all other financial obligations to the university no later than the date specified in the academic calendar.
3. Students must have been recommended for the degree by the Dean of the Graduate School, the President of PUPR, and the Board of Trustees.
4. Students completing graduation requirements in any academic term are invited to participate in the summer commencement exercises.
5. Students should have taken the final credit-hours for the degree at PUPR with the understanding that these credit-hours correspond to the total credit-hours of the last year of the program as specified and described in the Catalog.
6. The student must attain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.00.
7. In general, the acceptable grades in an academic record to enable graduation include A, B, or C. However, a student is only allowed two courses with a grade of C to be eligible for graduation.
8. When a student receives a grade of D, F, NS, or NP in a course, the student must enroll in the same course and obtain an acceptable grade.
9. If a student has three courses with a grade of C, the student must enroll in one of these courses and obtain a minimum grade of B.
10. From the term of first registration, graduate students have five years to complete their degree. The time limit for completing a graduate degree can be extended from the term of first registration up to seven years via a formal petition issued by the graduate student to the Graduate School Dean and the corresponding approval by the Dean. Note: Time limit extensions are subject to verification of the caducity of certain courses.
11. The student must satisfy all credit-hours specified for the degree within a period equivalent to five years. After the expiration of said period, all expired courses must be repeated unless otherwise authorized by the Graduate School Dean.
12. PUPR celebrates Commencement Exercises once every academic year during the Summer term, at which time all degrees and certificates are awarded.