Moms of UNCG seniors will finally have the day to themselves. UNCG's graduation will no longer be held on Mother's Day.

For the next two years, UNCG will hold spring graduation on a Friday. The university will hold its 2002 ceremony on May 19 — a week after Mother's Day — because of a change in the university calendar. But it has held the ceremony on moms' day for years.

Many students have told university leaders that Mother's Day ceremonies were a problem for their families. Sundays in general were also a problem for people who wanted to attend worship services, leaders said.

"We have been asked over the years, 'Why don't you move it?'" Registrar Ellen Robbins said in a statement. "This change probably won't make everyone happy, but it's a good compromise that moves commencement from Mother's Day and Sunday."

By having the ceremony on a Friday morning, academic and professional schools can use the afternoon and evening for diploma and recognition ceremonies, she said.

UNCG has held December graduation ceremonies on weekdays for years, and attendance has remained strong throughout, leaders said.