

Are you ready for UofL's first outdoor commencement exercises in Cardinal Stadium? We know you are!

Visit <http://louisville.edu/commencement> for the latest information. If you can't find an answer to your question there, email us at commence@louisville.edu.

REMINDERS

ELECTRONIC CALL CARDS: If you RSVP'ed by the April 14th deadline, you will soon be receiving your electronic call cards. Please be advised there has been a slight delay with our vendor emailing these, but please be on the lookout for a communication from our vendor, Name Coach, very soon. The card will have a unique QR code that will be scanned from your phone to enable your name to be displayed and read as you walk across the stage. **Make sure your phone is fully charged!**

If you submitted a late RSVP via e-mail to the commencement staff after April 14th, you will need to arrive early and stop at the call card tent located next to the Graduate Express Entry (Gate 3) to pick-up a call card.

Students being recognized with a bachelor or master degree attend the ceremony for the academic unit where they take their classes. The calendar of events is available [here](#).

FAQ: Frequently asked questions have been compiled and are answered here:
<http://louisville.edu/commencement/frequently-asked-questions>

PHOTOS: A professional photographer from Pro Pics will photograph each graduate as you cross the stage and after exiting the stage. Graduates will receive one free 5x7 photograph. To make sure Pro Pics has the most accurate contact information to send your photo proofs and free print, please visit www.UofLphotos.com to fill out your information. Check out more details and read about our virtual photo booth online at <https://louisville.edu/commencement/coverage-events>

MASKS: Masks are required for everyone in Cardinal Stadium. Recent changes in mask regulations and vaccination status do not change this requirement.

OTHER SAFETY PROTOCOLS: Social distancing (6 feet minimum) is required at Cardinal Stadium. No congregating will be allowed. Graduates will exit the stadium after they cross the stage and your guests are asked to also exit at that time. Make arrangements to meet with family and friends off site after the ceremony. For more visit <https://louisville.edu/commencement/safety-protocols>

APPAREL: If you submitted a late apparel request on the commencement website please plan to attend the late apparel sales event in the Student Activities Center Multi-Purpose Room A and B on Thursday, May 6, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. or Friday, May 7 from 9 a.m. to noon.

MASTER & DOCTORAL HOODS: We are working to correct an error by our vendor, Jostens, that occurred with some hood orders. If your hood lining is the incorrect color, please wear it to the ceremony. You will receive the correct apparel from Jostens at a later date. We are very sorry for this error and will continue working with Jostens to make this right for you.

TICKETS: If you have not yet ordered tickets for guests, there is still time. Tickets are required for all guests. Graduates are allowed a maximum of eight (8) tickets. Go to:
<https://louisville.edu/commencement/ticket-information>

GRADUATE EXPRESS ENTRY GATE: Gates to Cardinal Stadium open an hour before Commencement begins. Graduates are asked to be in their seats at least 10 minutes before the ceremony. To avoid delays, Gate 3 has been designated as the Graduate Express Entry Gate. Graduates only will be allowed to enter through Gate 3. Graduates will be seated from front to back as you enter the stadium. Seats cannot be "saved." If you want to sit with someone, you must arrive together.

Upon entering the Stadium, graduates must proceed to the field to take their seats. Graduates will enter the field at the very south end of the stadium. You will access the field via the staircase between sections 118/119. Students with accessibility concerns may speak with an event staff to receive assistance accessing the field.

GUEST ENTRY: Guests may enter Cardinal Stadium from Gates 2, 4, and 5 beginning one hour before the ceremony. Guests must show mobile tickets and screeners will monitor temperatures. **Masks are required for entry and must be worn at all times, despite personal vaccination status.**

CLEAR BAG POLICY: Clear bags only are allowed in Cardinal Stadium and you will be asked to return other bags to your vehicle. Additional details can be found here:

<https://gocards.com/sports/2018/9/7/clear-bag-policy.aspx>

ACCESSIBILITY: Information on accessibility and support services can be found here:

<http://louisville.edu/commencement/special-needs-and-services>

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Other large events are scheduled for the area near Cardinal Stadium the same weekend. Please plan for possible traffic delays. Driving directions can be found here:

<http://louisville.edu/commencement/driving-directions>

PARKING: Parking at Cardinal Stadium is free. Parking attendants will direct parking in the Bronze lots, Platinum S lot, and Purple lot A. ADA parking is available in all lots; please have your ADA placard or license plate displayed. Parking lots will open 1 ½ hours before each ceremony and must be cleared following the ceremony.

CROSSING THE STAGE: Students will cross the stage in the order they arrive and are seated on the field. Please be mindful of physical distancing at all times. When crossing the stage there will be no physical touch. Feel free to raise your L's up or wave as you cross the stage. Please keep in mind whatever you bring in with you, you must carry with you as you cross the stage and exit. Don't forget about the clear bag policy.

WEATHER: Ceremonies will be held rain or shine. Umbrellas, ponchos, raincoats and something to cover or wipe down wet seats are allowed. If there is severe weather, safety is our first concern: Please read our inclement weather policy here: <http://louisville.edu/commencement/inclement-weather-plan>

LIVESTREAM: Ceremonies will be livestreamed here:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUJOhNXYFGHDSJNTMdV95kQ/live>

We are so excited to celebrate with you! Don't forget to use #UofLGrads2021

Congratulations!

Commencement Staff

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