Commencement Information 2016

Commencement
Saturday, June 11, 4:00 p.m.
Dickson Court North (Perloff Quad)
TICKETS ARE NOT REQUIRED

Eligibility
All students who graduated in Fall 2015 or Winter 2016 as well as those students who are degree candidates for Spring or Summer 2016.

UNDERGRADUATES: Spring 2016 and Summer 2016 candidates must have declared their candidacy with the Registrar's Office via MyUCLA, or with the Office of Student Services (Broad Art Center, room 2200). Check with the Office of Student Services at the beginning of May to confirm that you are on the graduation list.

MASTER'S AND DOCTORAL CANDIDATES: Candidates for Master's and Doctoral degrees will be identified by their individual departments. Check with your departmental counselor to be sure you are on your department’s list.

Please Note: If you have placed a restriction on your name, it will not appear in the Commencement Program. Please consult with your departmental counselor or a counselor in the Office of Student Services.

Latin Honors students (Summa Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, and Cum Laude) with this restriction must obtain grade point verification from the Office of Student Services in order to obtain their gold fourragères from Graduation Etc. If you wish to remove this restriction, you may do so through MyUCLA under “privacy options.”

Caps and Gowns (fees are subject to change)
Caps and gowns can be ordered at Graduation Etc. on the A level of Ackerman Union, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. through Commencement Day or online at www.uclastore.com.

For questions regarding cap and gown rental/sale, call (310) 825-2587. Rented commencement regalia must be returned to Graduation Etc. by 5 p.m., Friday, June 17. Failure to do so will result in a hold on your diploma until the regalia is returned and a $50 late fee paid.

BACHELOR'S UNIT (cap, gown and tassel) can be purchased for $39 plus tax. MASTER'S UNIT (cap, gown, hood and tassel) can be rented for $39. DOCTORAL UNIT (cap, gown, hood and tassel) can be rented for $41.

Colors
BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA): brown tassel; MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE (M.ARC): lilac tassel with lilac hood trim; MASTER OF ARTS (MA): black tassel with white hood trim; MASTER OF FINE ARTS (MFA): brown tassel with brown hood trim; MASTER OF MUSIC (MM): pink tassel with pink hood trim; DOCTOR OF MUSICAL ARTS (DMA): old gold tassel with pink hood trim; DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PhD): old gold tassel with royal blue hood trim.

Gold Fourragere
For undergraduates, the fourragere is a braided cord worn over the left shoulder signifying that the wearer has been awarded graduation honors. The Registrar’s Office will supply Graduation Etc. with a list of those Spring and Summer candidates who, as of the end of Winter Quarter, have met the criteria as a candidate for graduation honors.

Photography
Formal or candid portraits can be scheduled at the Campus Photo Studio on the A level of Ackerman Union. Sittings may be arranged in person or by telephoning (310) 206-8433. Academic attire will be furnished without charge for use in the Campus Photo Studio. Portrait prices vary according to individual needs.

During the commencement ceremony, there will be a designated area from which photos and videos can be taken by family and friends. There will be an official photographer from Grad Images who will photograph each student as they come on stage. Your name card, which will be given to you at the department check-in table, will be used to order proofs of the photo taken of you. Please fill out the card if you would like a proof that will be available within ten hours. There is no obligation to purchase any photos when you request a proof.

Announcements
Announcements embossed with the UCLA emblem can be purchased at Graduation Etc., (310) 825-2587. Certificates of appreciation for your parents or others who have shown their support during your college career are available in the Campus Photo Studio. Call (310) 206-8433 or go to www.uclastore.com.
Class Rings  
Class rings are custom made and vary in price. Order from the Jostens counter located in Bearwear on the B level of Ackerman Union.

Diplomas  
It is not possible to process final grades and to prepare degree lists in time to present diplomas at the commencement ceremony. Diplomas are available approximately three months after the end of the term. Approximately six weeks after your final term, you will receive email notification from the Registrar that your diploma is available for in-person pick up or for delivery by mail. To check the availability status of your diploma, call (310) 825-8883. For more detailed information regarding diplomas, go to www.registrar.ucla.edu/faq/diplomafaq.htm.

Accommodations for Persons with Disabilities and the Elderly  
The Office for Students with Disabilities provides information regarding assistance for individuals with disabilities. Arrangements, such as special parking, can be made for the elderly and those with health limitations. Wheel chairs can be rented from Pico Medical Rentals, (323) 936-4104, among others. Information pertaining to these arrangements or any additional requests you may have can be obtained from the Office for Students with Disabilities, located in Murphy Hall room A255, (310) 825-1501 (voice phone) and (310) 206-6083 (tty). Parking for guests with disabilities will be available in Lot A and in the parking spaces around Dickson Court and Portola Plaza.

Commencement Day  
Only those students in academic regalia will be allowed to march in the ceremony.

ALL STUDENTS, please arrive by 3:15 p.m.
UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE STUDENTS will meet on the grassy area in Dickson Court South across from Murphy Hall.
Look for the appropriate department signage and check-in with your counselors at designated tables as soon as you arrive. You will be given a colored card with your name on it. Hold onto this card as it will be used by the Chair of your department during the ceremony when individual names are called. After check-in, please remain in the area designated for your major. It is important that you stay within your major group. The counselors will direct you to form lines for the processional.

Weather. Since the ceremony is outdoors and the weather can be quite variable, please encourage your family and friends to dress accordingly. The ceremony will take place in the venue, rain or shine.

Valuables: Please DO NOT bring a purse or valuables with you. There will be no place to check such items.

Processional: You will be led by Chancellor’s Marshals to Perloff Quad, up the center aisle, where the ushers will direct you to your seats. Be seated following the National Anthem.

Program: Candidates for the Bachelor’s degree and for the Master’s degree will be directed by the ushers to stand in rows and proceed to the stage. You will give your colored card to your department Chair at the podium who will read your name. Proceed across the stage to the Dean to receive a certificate and then back to your seat.

Candidates for Master’s degrees will be presented first, followed by the confirmation of degrees.

Candidates for Bachelor’s degrees will be presented last. After the confirmation of Bachelor of Arts degrees, there will be the traditional “tassel-turning ceremony” (right to left).

Candidates for Doctoral degrees will gown with the faculty at the Law School (room 1326). You will then process into the venue together with the faculty and sit on stage. You will be recognized individually by the Dean and asked to stand at the appropriate time during the ceremony.

Recessional: The Chancellor’s Marshals will lead the academic party, who will exit first, followed by the students.

Reception  
Following the ceremony, everyone is invited to join the graduates, their families, friends, faculty and staff at a reception at Dickson Court South, located near Schoenberg Music Building.

Parking  
A parking fee of $12 will be charged for each car coming on campus for Commencement. The designated parking areas will be Lots 2 and 3. Parking for the disabled will be in Lot A and in spaces around Dickson Court and Portola Plaza. Parking permits may be purchased in advance from Parking Services and the Central Ticket Office starting in early to mid-May.

Senior Survey  
If you have not already completed the 2016 Senior Survey, please do so. We greatly value your feedback and encourage you to use this survey as a means to provide your input toward the continued improvement of the undergraduate experience of future UCLA students.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Student Services at (310) 206-3564. Also check the School of the Arts and Architecture website: http://arts.ucla.edu/single/commencement/.

On behalf of the Dean, faculty, and staff of the School of the Arts and Architecture, congratulations on your achievements!

We look forward to seeing you at commencement.