DAY OF COMMENCEMENT
INSTRUCTIONS FOR
GRADUATES

PLEASE NOTE

• FACE COVERINGS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED
• Wear your regalia
• Bring your Grad Pass
• Do not bring personal valuables as there is no way to secure them. There will be no personal item check-in available.

GRADUATE CHECK-IN

• Access your Grad Pass at home on the Marching Order website. YOU MUST PRINT THIS PASS AND BRING IT WITH YOU TO THE ARENA. Your assigned seat is specified on your Grad Pass. If you are having trouble accessing the Marching Order website, please email commencement@wichita.edu.
• Graduates will check-in at Koch Arena 1.5 hours before the ceremony. You will enter the arena through the ticket office. Your Grad Pass will be scanned and you will pass through security at this time. Please do NOT discard your Grad Pass as you will use that as your reader card to be scanned when you cross the stage.

CARDS

• Once you enter Koch Arena and your Grad Pass is scanned, keep your Grad Pass in your possession. It will be scanned as you go up on the stage so that your name will be read and displayed on the Jumbo-tron.

PHOTOGRAPHY

• A professional photographer will be available at Koch Arena 1.5 hours before each commencement ceremony. Graduates are strongly encouraged to arrive early for check-in as photos lines may be long.
• Photography stations are located on the arena concourse near sections 125/126. Once you exit the ticket office you will turn right, and the photographers will be in that area.
• There will be no professional photography of individual graduates as you cross the stage.

PARKING

• You may park at Koch Arena in lot 2W

ARENA ENTRANCE

• Graduates should enter Koch Arena through the Ticket Office. Go through security and head directly to your seat. STUDENTS MUST SIT IN THEIR ASSIGNED SEAT.
• There will be no personal item check-in, so please do not bring any personal, valuable, bulky, oversized items as there will no place to store them. Security will be directing people back to their vehicles with any oversized or prohibited items.
• Marshals and Volunteers will be able to help you locate your seat based on your Grad Pass.
GUESTS
• Guests should enter Koch Arena through the South Entrance.
• Guests should not arrive more than an hour before the ceremony.
• Guests will need to show their guest ticket for admittance.
• Guests seating is assigned, and guests must sit in their assigned seats.
• There will be no personal item check-in, so please do not bring any personal, valuable, bulky, oversized items as there will no place to store them. Security will be directing people back to their vehicles with any oversized or prohibited items.

TASSELS
• Bachelors/Associate degree candidates: Your tassel should be worn on the right side of your mortarboard until you are told to move it to the left by the Dean of your college.
• Master’s degree candidates: Your tassel should be worn on the left side of your mortarboard as you have already received a degree.

HOODING
• Masters Candidates should self-hood prior to the ceremony.
• Doctoral Candidates should self-hood prior to the ceremony.

DURING THE CEREMONY
• All cell phones must be silenced.
• Graduates are not to leave the arena until after the recessional.
• Towards the end of the ceremony there will be a loud bang when the streamer cannons are fired.

RECESSIONAL
• Please stand for the recessional while the Platform Party exit the arena.
• Please remain standing as students will exit the arena next.
• Students on the arena floor will wait for a College Marshal to indicate when their row may exit.
• Students with a seat in the stands will wait for a College Marshal to indicate when their section may exit.
• Once all students have exited, then guests may also exit.
• Plan to meet your family and friends outside of the arena as the building must be secured following the recessional.

LIVE-STREAMING
• WSU is webcasting the ceremony so that all your family and friends can share this moment with you. Just ask them to log on to the link for the ceremony you are participating in and click on Live Streaming to see the live webcast of today's ceremony.

Friday, May 14, 2021
Ceremony 1: 9:00 am
https://youtu.be/zYiuxroQH5w
Ceremony 2: 12:30 pm
https://youtu.be/N8WZeKtjOuO
Ceremony 3: 4:00 pm
https://youtu.be/Dy76oO_tjYg

Saturday, May 15, 2021
Ceremony 4: 9:00 am
https://youtu.be/jm8_bQwe5E
Ceremony 5: 12:30 pm
https://youtu.be/aMheT3dDkCQ
Ceremony 6: 4:00 pm
https://youtu.be/NYhRnJZcos8