Spring Graduate Update and Reminders

Ceremony Updates

- While mask wearing is highly encouraged, it will not be required of graduates and guests.
- Graduates and guests will be assigned seats. Each graduate will receive 6 guest tickets.

Important Dates

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General Information

All ceremonies will be held at Charles Koch Arena.

Friday, May 14
- Ceremony 1: 9:00 am
- Ceremony 2: 12:30pm
- Ceremony 3: 4:00pm

Saturday, May 15
- Ceremony 4: 9:00 am
- Ceremony 5: 12:30pm
- Ceremony 6: 4:00pm

Graduate Instructions

- Graduate checklist is available online at https://www.wichita.edu/about/commencement/graduatechecklist.php
- Please visit www.wichita.edu/commencement for additional information.

Virtual Ceremony

- For the graduates who opted to participate virtually, a photograph will be displayed along with their name, degree, and honors.
- Any graduate unable to attend in person will be able to participate virtually.
- Virtual graduates will be recognized at the end of the Friday 4:00 pm ceremony.
- If you have RSVP’d to participate in the virtual commencement ceremony, and have not already submitted a photo or recorded your name, please go to https://wichita.marchingorder.com/#/ and login with your WSU email.
- Graduates will have until April 17th @ 11:55p to complete this form. Graduates must have completed the form by the deadline to participate in the commencement ceremonies. No exceptions.
- Students do not need to submit a photo to participate in the virtual ceremony. However, students should still log in, record their name, and submit the form.
In-Person Graduate RSVPs

- Graduates will RSVP through MarchingOrder, not through myWSU.
- Phase 2 – A second email has been sent to graduates who chose to participate in person. Graduates will select and register for the ceremony they want to participate in on a first come basis.
  - Graduates will have until April 17th @ 11:55p to RSVP. Graduates must be RSVP’d by the deadline to participate in the commencement ceremonies. No exceptions.
- If you have not yet chosen a ceremony or recorded the pronunciation of your name, please go to https://wichita.marchingorder.com/#/ and login with your WSU email.
- Graduates have the option to change their registration from in-person to virtual participation and vice versa. Please email commencement@wichita.edu with this request and we will make the change. Requests must be received by the Commencement Office no later than 11:55 p.m. Saturday, April 17. Changes cannot be made after that date.

Grad Pass Overview

- Students who have RSVP’d for in-person commencement will be issued a touchless Grad Pass on April 21 with a QR code that will be scanned as they enter the arena and as they cross the stage.
  - STUDENTS MUST PRINT THIS PASS AND BRING IT WITH THEM TO THE ARENA.
- Grad Passes can be printed from https://wichita.marchingorder.com/#/
- Keep an eye on your student email for more information about how to access and print the Grad Passes when they become available.
- Students will have assigned seats as indicated on their Grad Pass.
- If a student shows up without a pass, we will have printers available to print them one.
  - Keep your Grad Pass with you at all times.

Seating

- All students, guests, and faculty will be issued tickets with assigned seating.
- Students will not be seated by college.
- Graduate students will be seated primarily on the floor.
- Doctoral student advisors will not be seated next to their students.

Guest Tickets

- Each student will receive 6 guest tickets.
- E-tickets will be available to print or email after the Phase 2 deadline.
- E-tickets will be accessed through https://wichita.marchingorder.com/#/
- Keep an eye on your email for more information about how to access your guest tickets when they become available
- Students who have guests that need special accommodations should notify commencement@wichita.edu by April 19.

Graduate Check-in

- Graduate check-in will be online and not in-person at the RSC or Practice Gym as in the past.
- Please check-in at Koch Arena 1 – 1.5 hours prior to the start of your ceremony.
- Students should bring their PRINTED Grad Pass to check-in.
- Graduates will enter through the Koch Arena Ticket Office. Once their grad pass is scanned, they will go sit in their assigned seat.
- Keep your Grad Pass with you at all times.
Ceremony Proceedings
- All degrees will be conferred before graduates begin to cross the stage. Graduates will stand to be recognized at this time.
- After all degrees have been conferred, graduates will come to the stage to be recognized in a continuous flow.
- Graduates will process up both ramps simultaneously and down center stairs unless they have a mobility issue.
- Student’s Grad Pass will be scanned as they walk up the ramp onto stage.
- The student’s name, degree, and academic honors will be displayed on the jumbo-tron as they cross the stage.
- Master’s and Doctoral candidates will walk with their hoods already on.
- There will be no handshakes or other physical contact with graduates on stage or off.
- Streamer cannons will be fired at the end of each ceremony.

Processional
- There will be no graduate or faculty processional.

Reader
- Graduates name, degree, and undergraduate academic honors will be displayed on the Jumbotron. Majors and minors are not displayed.

Recessional
- Graduates will be dismissed by sections, starting with the floor, to recess through the large tunnel exit.

Regalia
- Regalia is available through the Shocker Store. Information is available at https://www.wichita.edu/about/commencement/regalia.php

Photographer
- Three photo stations will be set up on the concourse.
- Graduates can have their official photo taken anytime Friday or Saturday.
- Graduates will not be photographed on stage.
- Photograph proofs and rate sheets will be emailed to the graduates a few weeks after the event. To order photographs over the phone please call Grad Images at 1-800-261-2576, or visit their website at www.gradimages.com.

Commencement Program
- The printed Spring 2021 Commencement Program will include both Fall 2020 and Spring/Summer 2021 graduates. The fall and spring Graduates will be separated under each college.

Request to Walk
- All requests to walk early must be submitted to and approved by the Colleges.
- All requests to walk late must be submitted to and approved by the Commencement Office at commencement@wichita.edu
- Please direct requests to walk late to email commencement@wichita.edu.

Special Accomodations
- Graduates who need special assistance should notify their College by Monday, April 19.
- We will have ASL interpreters at the event.
Live Streaming Links
Live streaming links are also available at [www.wichita.edu/commencement](http://www.wichita.edu/commencement)

**Friday, May 14, 2021**
- Ceremony 1: 9:00 am  
  [https://youtu.be/zYiuxroOH5w](https://youtu.be/zYiuxroOH5w)
- Ceremony 2: 12:30 pm  
  [https://youtu.be/N8WZekJ0u0](https://youtu.be/N8WZekJ0u0)
- Ceremony 3: 4:00 pm  
  [https://youtu.be/Dy76oG_tjYg](https://youtu.be/Dy76oG_tjYg)

**Saturday, May 15, 2021**
- Ceremony 4: 9:00 am  
  [https://youtu.be/jm8_b0Qwe5E](https://youtu.be/jm8_b0Qwe5E)
- Ceremony 5: 12:30 pm  
  [https://youtu.be/aMheT3dDkCQ](https://youtu.be/aMheT3dDkCQ)
- Ceremony 6: 4:00 pm  
  [https://youtu.be/NYhRnJZcos8](https://youtu.be/NYhRnJZcos8)

Prohibited Items at Koch Arena
The following items are prohibited from entering Koch Arena:
- Drugs and alcohol
- Outside food and drink
- Weapons – firearms, knives, razorblades, pepper spray, tasers, brass knuckles, cat keys, etc.
- Noisemakers – air horns, bells, megaphones, whistles, etc.
- Laser pointers
- Flash/professional photography, detachable lenses, monopods, tripods
- Selfie sticks
- Live animals (except guide and service dogs)
- Large/Golf umbrellas (non-retractable)
- Strollers, infant car seats, and/or baby carriers
- Seat Cushions larger than 14” x 14” x 6”
- Computers and tablets larger than 14” x 14” x 6”
- Wichita State reserves the right to prohibit any other items deemed inappropriate by security.

Miscellaneous
- Mortar Board will be selling flowers at the ceremony beginning one hour prior to the processional.
- A concession stand will be open during the ceremonies near section 125/126.
- The Section 124 Family Restroom also serves as a lactation room.
- The Shocker Store at Koch Arena will be open prior to all ceremonies.