



Commencement Ceremony - Guest Guide

Event Details

Friday, June 23, 2023
Ceremony begins at 11 a.m.
Guest seating begins at 10:30 a.m.
Oregon Convention Center, Portland Ballroom
777 NE Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Portland, OR 97232

Ceremony

Family, friends and the UWS community are invited to celebrate the accomplishments of our graduating students. The ceremony will begin promptly at 11 a.m. Guest seating will begin at 10:30 a.m. The anticipated length of the ceremony is one and one-half hours long. *Tickets will not be distributed and are not required to attend the ceremony.*

If you have mobility challenges that may impact your ability to access the ceremony, please email commencement@uws.edu no later than June 19, 2023, so that we can assist with making proper arrangements.

Gifts

Guests are welcome to bring gifts for graduates. Distracting items or items that may obscure other guests' view of the ceremony need to be placed at the side or back of the ballroom during the ceremony. ***Please note that helium-filled balloons are not permitted in any part of the Oregon Convention Center. No exceptions.***

Required COVID-19 Safety Measures

- Currently, face coverings are optional inside the Convention Center. UWS will have extra disposable masks available at the check-in table for anyone who wishes to use one.
- Anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or has symptoms should not attend the ceremony in person. Guests may view the ceremony remotely via the livestream. See uws.edu/community/commencement/ for information about the livestream.

Live-Stream

Guests who cannot attend in person may view a livestream of the ceremony. Instructions to view the livestream are available on the UWS Commencement webpage: uws.edu/community/commencement/

Photography

Professional photographers from Grad Images will be taking individual and class photos at the event. Graduates or guests may purchase photos by going directly to the Grad Images website: gradimages.com/

Lodging

There are many hotels to choose from in the Portland area. To help with your selection, please visit www.travelportland.com for information. Or visit oregoncc.org/en for hotels located near the Oregon Convention Center.

Public Transportation and Parking

The Oregon Convention Center is directly accessible by public transit, and both graduates and guests are encouraged to use it. There is also a parking garage located within the Oregon Convention Center.

More information on parking can be found here: oregoncc.org/DirectionsAndParking/

Information about public transportation can be found here: trimet.org/schedules/index.htm

Questions

Please email commencement@uws.edu with questions.