Spring 2014 Commencement
Important Dates and Notices

Commencement Ceremony Attendance RSVP

Submit your ceremony attendance RSVP online between December 16, 2013 and April 20, 2014. If you do not RSVP, it will be assumed that you do not plan to attend your spring 2014 commencement ceremony, and commencement ceremony guest tickets will not be reserved for you.

Commencement Ceremony Guest Ticket Distribution

April 30 & May 1, 2014 ♦ Wednesday & Thursday ♦ 8:00am – 7:00pm ♦ Simmons Hall 101
May 3, 2014 ♦ Saturday ♦ 10:00am – 2:00pm ♦ Simmons Hall 101

Given the limited seating capacity of E.J. Thomas Performing Arts Hall, actual guest ticket availability for each ceremony will be based upon the number of RSVPs submitted by April 20, 2014. It is anticipated that no fewer than five (5) guest tickets will be available for each attending degree candidate. If you RSVP to attend your commencement ceremony, communication regarding guest ticket distribution will be sent to your UA email account no later than Tuesday, April 22, 2014.

Commencement Ceremonies

May 9, 10 & 11, 2014 ♦ Friday, Saturday & Sunday ♦ E.J. Thomas Performing Arts Hall

The commencement ceremony in which you participate depends upon the academic college from which you expect to earn your degree. If you are earning multiple degrees, you are required to march with the highest degree.

In order to participate in this commencement, you must have applied for spring 2014 graduation, have reconciled all financial obligations, have completed all degree requirements and wear proper graduation regalia. *Caps and gowns are available for purchase online as well as at the Barnes & Noble Bookstore in the Student Union and in the Polsky Building.*

May 9, 2014 ♦ Friday ♦ Degree candidates check in between 6pm and 6:30pm ♦ Processional begins at 7pm
♦ College of Business Administration
♦ College of Engineering

May 10, 2014 ♦ Saturday ♦ Degree candidates check in between 9am and 9:30am ♦ Processional begins at 10am
♦ Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences (undergraduate degrees)

May 10, 2014 ♦ Saturday ♦ Degree candidates check in between 1pm and 1:30pm ♦ Processional begins at 2pm
♦ Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences (graduate degrees)
♦ Summit College

May 11, 2014 ♦ Sunday ♦ Degree candidates check in between 9am and 9:30am ♦ Processional begins at 10am
♦ College of Education
♦ Wayne College
♦ College of Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering

May 11, 2014 ♦ Sunday ♦ Degree candidates check in between 1pm and 1:30pm ♦ Processional begins at 2pm
♦ College of Health Professions

Diploma Distribution

A final audit of your academic record and student financial account will be conducted by Friday, May 30, 2014. After all degree requirements have been verified as successfully completed and all financial obligations have been verified as reconciled, your degree will be posted and your diploma will be mailed to your home (not mailing) address. To ensure that your diploma will be mailed to the correct address, make any necessary corrections to your home address via My Akron no later than Friday, May 16, 2014.

If applicable, communication regarding any outstanding academic and/or financial issues will be sent to your UA email account. Please note that all outstanding issues must be cleared by Friday, June 20, 2014, in order for a degree to be posted for spring 2014.

Official Academic Transcripts

If you will need an official academic transcript that includes your recently posted degree, request it in advance via My Akron (select the Degree Confer Date processing option). Your official academic transcript request will be fulfilled promptly after your degree is posted.

Questions

Please contact your academic advisor with all questions regarding your degree progress. Direct all questions regarding commencement activities to the Office of the University Registrar at commencement@uakron.edu.

Reminders

- ♦ All financial obligations to The University of Akron must be reconciled prior to degree candidacy (i.e., name in the commencement program, ceremony participation and degree conferral).
- ♦ Look for the *First Destination Graduation Survey* link in your UA email account right before and/or after graduation. The survey will ask you to share your plans after graduation. Please complete the survey as soon as possible.
- ♦ Official academic transcripts of approved coursework completed at another college or university must be received by the University Registrar no later than Friday, May 30, 2014.