



Essential Commencement Details for Degree Candidates and Guests

Graduation from The University of Akron represents one of life's most important milestones. The following information will help ensure that degree candidates and their guests have the most satisfying and memorable experience possible.

Items of Value

Leave any valuables in the care of your guests. Please do not carry any items on stage.

Attire

Proper graduation regalia is required for all degree candidates participating in commencement ceremonies. Caps, gowns, tassels and hoods may be purchased in the University bookstores in the Student Union and The Polsky Building.

Ceremony Guest Tickets

All guests, including children, must have a ticket. Seats may not be reserved for late-arriving guests.

E. J. Thomas Performing Arts Hall

For your convenience, public telephones, restrooms, drinking fountains and a first aid station are located in Robertson Lobby.

Accommodations for Guests with Disabilities

All seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Guests with special needs should arrive early to be sure that their needs can be accommodated. Please park in the E.J. Thomas Hall parking deck if you require wheelchair access to E.J. Thomas Hall. Because wheelchair seating is limited, accompanying family members will be seated in nearby rows as space allows. For guests with hearing impairment, a special sound system is available at the Main Lobby Information Counter, and a sign language interpreter will sign the ceremony. Guests requiring these services should see an usher for assistance.

Photography

A professional photographer will take a photo of each degree candidate on stage. One free proof will be mailed to each graduate. Additional prints are available by order from GradImages™ at service@gradimages.com or 800.261.2576. Photography during the ceremony is prohibited, and all guests must remain seated until the program is over. Guests will find excellent photo opportunities on the E.J. Thomas Hall Terrace.

Commencement Video Recording

A professional quality video recording of your graduation from The University of Akron is available for purchase. The recording includes the entire ceremony, from processional to recessional. If you would like to order a copy of the commencement video, please fill out the commencement recording form located at www.uakron.edu/registrar/graduation.

Directions to The University of Akron

E.J. Thomas Performing Arts Hall is located at 198 Hill St., at the intersection of Hill Street and East Buchtel Avenue, and between South Forge Street and University Avenue, on the west side of the campus.

Parking

All UA parking lots are open for commencement with no permits required. In addition to the E.J. Thomas Hall parking deck, parking is available in the Lot 26 deck on East Buchtel Avenue; Lot 45 at the corner of Lincoln Street and South Forge Street; Lot 34 near McDowell Law Center; and Lot 43 near the Buckingham Center.

Parking for guests with valid state handicap permits on their vehicles is available in the E.J. Thomas Hall deck. Wheelchair access to E.J. Thomas Hall is available through the E.J. Thomas Hall parking deck.

Please visit the Office of Parking Services' website at www.uakron.edu/parking for directions, road construction updates and links to maps. Parking Services can also be reached at 33-972-7213 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.