
Graduation Application

Submit your graduation/degree application(s) via [My Akron](#) by the appropriate deadline. Undergraduate degree (baccalaureate and associate) applications must be submitted by July 1, 2016, while graduate degree applications must be submitted by November 1, 2016.

Commencement Ceremony Attendance RSVP

Submit your ceremony attendance RSVP [online](#) between August 22, 2016, and December 4, 2016. If you do not RSVP, it will be assumed that you do not plan to attend your fall 2016 commencement ceremony, and commencement ceremony guest tickets will not be reserved for you.

Commencement Ceremony Guest Ticket Distribution

December 10, 2016 ♦ Saturday ♦ 9:00am – 2:00pm ♦ Simmons Hall ZipAssist Lobby
December 12, 2016 ♦ Monday ♦ 8:00am – 7:00pm ♦ Simmons Hall ZipAssist Lobby

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 December 4, 2016. Up to 6 ceremony guest tickets may be available for each attending degree candidate. *If you RSVP to attend your commencement ceremony, communication regarding guest ticket distribution as well as the number of guest tickets available will be sent to your UA email account on Monday, December 5, 2016.*

Commencement Ceremonies

December 16 & 17, 2016 ♦ Friday & Saturday ♦ 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 and may only march once.*

In order to participate in this commencement, you must have applied for fall 2016 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.

December 16, 2016 ♦ Friday ♦ Check-in is between 6pm and 6:30pm ♦ Ceremony begins at 7pm

- ♦ College of Business Administration
- ♦ The LeBron James Family Foundation College of Education
- ♦ College of Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering

December 17, 2016 ♦ Saturday ♦ Check-in is between 9am and 9:30am ♦ Ceremony begins at 10am

- ♦ Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences
- ♦ U.S. Army ROTC Cadet Commissioning

December 17, 2016 ♦ Saturday ♦ Check-in is between 1pm and 1:30pm ♦ Ceremony begins at 2pm

- ♦ College of Applied Science and Technology
- ♦ College of Engineering
- ♦ College of Health Professions
- ♦ Wayne College

Diploma Distribution

A final audit of your academic record and student financial account will be conducted on or after Friday, December 23, 2016. 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 DIPLOMA address. *If we do not have a diploma address for you at the time of mailing, your diploma will be mailed to your HOME address.* To ensure that your diploma is mailed to the correct address, make any necessary corrections to your DIPLOMA (and/or home) address via [My Akron](#) by Thursday, December 22, 2016.

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, January 27, 2017**, in order for a degree to be posted for fall 2016.

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).
- ◆ **Graduation with Honors:** Honors announced at the commencement ceremony are determined by your honors grade point average (GPA) at the end of the tenth week of fall 2016. Your honors GPA calculation includes ALL graded courses, including allowably repeated and reassessed courses. Official honors are determined by your honors GPA after all graded courses have been posted to your academic record and you are eligible for degree posting. The official honors designation is noted on your diploma and official academic transcript.
Ceremony Honors Regalia: Honors medallions (baccalaureate degrees) and cords (associate degrees) are distributed during commencement ceremony guest ticket distribution.
- ◆ Official academic transcripts of approved coursework completed at another college or university must be received by the University Registrar no later than Friday, January 6, 2017.
- ◆ Look for the *First Destination Graduation Survey* link in your UA email account right before and/or after commencement. The survey will ask you to share your plans after graduation. Please complete the survey as soon as possible.

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 graduation@uakron.edu.