



Welcome, Family and Friends!

Commencement Ceremony Guest Information

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Commencement represents one of your graduate's most memorable life experiences. It is our sincere hope that this information is helpful and ensures that the celebration of this important milestone is just as enjoyable and memorable for you.

InfoCision Stadium

Commencement ceremonies will be held at InfoCision Stadium, 375 E. Exchange St., Akron, 44304, located at the intersection of E. Exchange St. and S. Union St. on the south side of campus.

Parking

Details about parking for the event, including designated areas for guest drop-off close to the venue, are currently under review.

Ceremony Guest Seating

Graduates will have access to four (4) guest tickets each. Each guest must have a ticket to enter, including infants and children in laps. Per Health Department guidelines, guests for each graduate will be seated together in pods in order to maintain social distancing, therefore tickets cannot be traded between graduates. Guests must plan to arrive and be seated no later than one hour prior to the ceremony. For the comfort and safety of all guests, please plan to remain seated until the conclusion of the commencement ceremony.

Please be aware that all seating in the venue is on bleachers. The bleachers are not padded and do not have seatbacks.

Guest Attire

Guests are strongly encouraged to wear comfortable, flat shoes. Some parking locations are up to a ten-minute walk from the stadium. Also, once in the stadium, most guests will need to navigate stairs to reach their seats.

All planned ceremonies will take place rain or shine. If rain is forecast, guests are encouraged to wear suitable clothing. Provisions are in place and will be communicated in the event of forecasted severe inclement weather.

Accommodations for Guests with Special Needs

Accessible seating will be available for those guests that require it. Information on how to claim accessible guest seating will be provided at the time graduates are able to claim their guest tickets.

Please arrive no later than one hour prior to the ceremony to ensure that your needs are comfortably accommodated. Ushers are available to provide any needed assistance. Please be advised that wheelchair seating is available but may not be located near the graduate's guest pod seating. Also note that a sign language interpreter signs each ceremony.

Photography

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Professional photographers from GradImages™ take photographs of each degree candidate on stage. Graduates can start planning their commencement photos by checking out the in-demand, instagrammable locations on campus at www.uakron.edu/graduation/photos.

Live Webcast

Plans are being made to allow family and friends to watch the commencement ceremony online. Additional details will be forthcoming.