May 2018

Dear Degree Candidate:

Congratulations on your upcoming graduation! The university acknowledges your achievement, and extends our best wishes for your future success. Please review the following information in preparation for your commencement ceremony. This information is also available at commencement.wisc.edu.

The ceremony for undergraduate, law and master’s degree candidates will be held on Saturday, May 12 at noon at Camp Randall Stadium, 1440 Monroe Street.

**Parking and Shuttle Service**

Residence hall move-out and road construction will be occurring simultaneously with commencement, which will result in significant traffic congestion. The City of Madison is currently reconstructing Monroe Street, a major traffic thoroughway to campus from the Beltline (Highway 12/14, Exit 258A–Seminole Highway). The westbound (outbound) lanes are closed; only one eastbound (inbound) lane is open. Therefore, we encourage you and your guests to seek parking away from Camp Randall, ideally in the west end of campus. All university parking lots will be free and open to the public from 12 p.m. on Friday, May 11 through 6 p.m. on Sunday, May 13. A complimentary shuttle will run through campus from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 12. Shuttle stops will be designated by signs. Attached to this packet is a map of the shuttle routes. For information about navigating Camp Randall for people with limited mobility, please visit our website.

**Camp Randall Entry and Seating**

The graduate entrance is located at Gate 5 (the student gate for football games) of Camp Randall Stadium. This is the only gate with access to the field for candidate seating. Degree candidate seating will be designated by school, college and degree type on the field, and a graduate seating map is provided in this packet. Please be seated by 11:15 a.m., graduates arriving after 11:15 will find that Gate 5 will close and late graduates will need to enter through Gate 10, in the south end zone. Please note that late arrival graduates will be seated in the stands of the south end zone in order to ensure a prompt start of the ceremony. The Camp Randall carry-in policy is attached to this packet; no backpacks, large bags, umbrellas, selfie sticks, or other disruptive items are allowed in the stadium. No beverages of any kind are permitted in the candidate seating area, except for a bottle of water which will be provided to graduates upon entry.

Guests are not allowed in the candidate seating area at any point. Commencement marshals wearing cardinal academic attire, as well as ushers and posted signs, will be present to provide seating directions when you arrive. Graduates who use a wheelchair, are hearing impaired, or needing other accommodations at commencement should email commence@chancellor.wisc.edu as soon as possible to make arrangements.

The weather in May can be unpredictable. Please dress accordingly as the ceremony is outdoors, and is open to the elements. The ceremony will take place rain, snow or shine. Only in the event of severe weather would a delay or cancellation occur. Follow us on Twitter @UWMadison for updates regarding the ceremony.

**Graduate Portraits**

Photo stations will be available as you enter Camp Randall from Gate 5, prior to locating your seat. Diploma covers will be available at the stations as a prop, you do not need to bring one with you. We ask that you have your photo taken prior to seating to help manage the process efficiently and reduce lines after the ceremony.

After confirmation of degree requirements and grades (6-8 weeks after commencement) your diploma will be mailed to your permanent home address listed in your MyUW student center.

We hope that this event will be a wonderful experience for both you and your guests. Thank you for your participation, and once again, congratulations!

Carrie Olson
Office of the Chancellor
On Saturday, May 12, complimentary shuttle service will be available to transport participants and guests around campus. The shuttle will operate every 10 minutes from 8 am to 7 pm. Please see the map below for the shuttle route and location of stops. Shuttle buses are wheelchair accessible.

Parking in all campus lots will be free from noon on Friday, May 11, through 6 pm on Sunday, May 13.

For more transportation and commencement information visit [www.commencement.wisc.edu](http://www.commencement.wisc.edu)
**Items permitted:** Bags no larger than 8.5” x 11”, binoculars, cameras, blankets, jackets, items related to a medical condition, chairbacks (not more than 16” wide), flowers (with no glass vase) and diaper bags (with child).

**Items prohibited (including, but not limited to):** Bags larger than 8.5” x 11” (including backpacks), food, beverages, containers, strollers, baby carriers, umbrellas, laser pointers, banners, flags, signs, noisemakers, nooses, ropes, weapons, replicas of weapons, inflatables, laptops, video recorders, monopods, tripods, selfie sticks, drones or any items deemed dangerous or inappropriate.

All items and spectators are subject to search. Storage facilities are not available for checking prohibited items. Items left at gates will be disposed of accordingly.