



## ***Spring 2024 Commencement FAQ***

### **Calendar of Events**

Commencement Rehearsal	Thursday, May 23, 2024	9:30 a.m.
Commencement	Thursday, May 23, 2024	2:00 p.m.

### **Graduate Awards and Citations**

Graduate awards (depending on the size of the award) will either be placed under the diploma and distributed at the ceremony or mailed directly to the graduate following the ceremony.

### **Commencement**

#### ***When and where is the Commencement Ceremony?***

The Ceremony will be held at 2:00 p.m. EST on Thursday, May 23, 2024 at the [Kimmel Cultural Campus](#) in Verizon Hall.

#### ***Mask Enforcement***

As of June 13, 2022, masks are welcomed but not required on the Kimmel Cultural Campus. We ask that participants and guests be respectful of one another's choices.

Please monitor the Kimmel website for any updates.

<https://www.kimmelculturalcampus.org/plan-your-visit/safe-clean-commitment/>

#### ***Will there be a required rehearsal for Commencement?***

Yes, all graduates are required to attend rehearsal at the Kimmel Cultural Campus on Thursday, May 23, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. EST. The rehearsal will last approximately 75-90 minutes and then the graduates will be expected to return for gowning at 1pm.

#### ***How long will the Commencement ceremony last?***

The Commencement ceremony will last approximately two hours. We would suggest not making dinner plans prior to 5:00 p.m. to allow for personal photos following the ceremony.

#### ***Is there a dress code for the ceremony?***

We recommend dressing in professional attire (dress pants/shirt/tie/skirt/blouse/dress; no denim, shorts or athletic wear).

### ***Regalia***

The regalia does not need to be returned. The graduate will keep their regalia (cap/tam, gown, hood and tassel) as their personal property.

### ***When and where will I receive my cap and gown for the ceremony?***

Cap and gown distribution will occur at the Kimmel Cultural Campus on Thursday, May 23, 2024, one hour prior to the ceremony.

### ***When will I receive tickets for my guests?***

Commencement tickets will be distributed immediately following the commencement rehearsal on May 23rd. Doors open for guests at 1:15 p.m., so you can arrange to meet your guests with their tickets before the graduate has to arrive for gowning.

### ***I won't see some of my guests before the ceremony, is there a Will Call booth?***

Yes, you may leave tickets for your guests at the Salus University Information Table located in the lobby of the Kimmel Cultural Campus.

### ***Are there assigned seats and will my guests be seated together?***

All students will receive their ticket allotment on a particular level/tier using a randomized process. The seats are not assigned, seating is general admission by level/tier. Guests may enter the theater beginning at 1:15 p.m. EST.

Ushers will be available on each level/tier to answer any questions.

### ***What should I do with my personal belongings (handbags, suit bags, luggage, etc.) during the ceremony?***

We ask that you leave all personal belongings in a secure location to ensure the safety of those items (hotel room, trunk of vehicle or with a family member/friend).

Cell phones should be silenced for the ceremony.

### ***Does the graduate need a ticket to enter the venue?***

No. Ceremony participants do not need a ticket.

### ***Do I need a ticket for an infant/toddler attending the ceremony?***

Infants that are in their parents/guardians arms are permitted without a ticket. These infants will need to be held in their arms for the entire duration of the event.

Toddlers and young children require a ticket to enter.

### ***Photographs***

Professional photographs will be taken at key moments during the ceremony and will be available for the graduate to purchase. Photo proofs will be sent to your salus.edu email account within 10 days after the ceremony. If you do not receive an email, please contact the Registrar's Office at [commencement@salus.edu](mailto:commencement@salus.edu)

### ***Guests with Special Needs***

If any of your guests require special seating or assistance entering the venue and you did not indicate this on the Commencement Survey, please email the Registrar's Office at [commencement@salus.edu](mailto:commencement@salus.edu).

### ***How do I get to the Kimmel Center?***

Please visit [Kimmel Cultural Campus](#) website for information about parking, directions, and public transportation.

### ***Where should I park and is there a fee?***

There is a parking garage located at the Kimmel Cultural Campus as well as several other parking garage locations within walking distance. Use the parking locator on the [Philadelphia Parking Authority's](#) website or visit the [Kimmel Cultural Campus](#) website for information about parking, directions, and public transportation.

### ***Will I have time to return to my apartment near campus between the rehearsal and the ceremony?***

No. We highly recommend staying in Center City between the rehearsal and the ceremony.

### ***Where should we eat after the ceremony?***

Center City Philadelphia has plenty of dining options to suit different budgets, tastes, and group sizes. Please visit the [Official Visitor and Tourism Site for Philadelphia](#) or the [Kimmel Cultural Campus](#) website for recommendations.

We highly recommend determining if reservations are needed in advance to accommodate your party.

### ***What overnight accommodations are available near the Kimmel Center for out of town guests?***

A variety of options are available at different prices. Visit the [Kimmel Cultural Campus](#) website for information on overnight accommodations.

Still have questions? Contact the Registrar's Office at [commencement@salus.edu](mailto:commencement@salus.edu).