

UNIVERSITY *of* PENNSYLVANIA



263<sup>RD</sup> COMMENCEMENT

CLASS OF

2019

MAY 20, 2019



*Penn brought the world to our graduates. They now go forth to bring Penn to the world. With great hope and immense pride, I congratulate our graduates and their families.*

## **THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA'S 263<sup>RD</sup> COMMENCEMENT**

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Penn's 263<sup>rd</sup> Commencement will be held on Monday, May 20, 2019 in Franklin Field. The gates to the field will open at 8:30 a.m. for guest seating. Guests will be seated in the southeast, east, and northeast stands of the stadium. Guests should enter through the south stands entrance from South Street. For updated information, refer to the Commencement website [commencement.upenn.edu](http://commencement.upenn.edu)

The ceremony will feature the conferral of degrees, the awarding of honorary degrees, greetings by University officials, and remarks by the Commencement speaker. The ceremony will be held rain or shine. Tickets are not required for admission. Degree candidates are required to wear academic regalia.

Degree candidates will assemble in Hamilton Village by 8:45 a.m., process down Locust Walk, and enter the field at 9:30 a.m. The ceremony will begin at 10:15 a.m. upon the entrance of the academic procession (the President's party and the faculty) and will conclude at approximately 12:00 noon.

## GRADUATION CEREMONIES FOR UNDERGRADUATES

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### Saturday, May 18, 2019

2:00 p.m. School of Engineering and Applied  
Science Undergraduate Ceremony  
*Palestra*

### Sunday, May 19, 2019

9:00 a.m. Wharton School  
Undergraduate Ceremony  
*Palestra*

1:30 p.m. Baccalaureate Ceremony  
(Students with last names A-K)  
*Irvine Auditorium*

3:00 p.m. Baccalaureate Ceremony  
(Students with last names L-Z)  
*Irvine Auditorium*

6:30 p.m. College of Arts and Sciences  
Ceremony  
*Franklin Field*

### Monday, May 20, 2019

8:30 a.m. Gates open to Franklin Field

9:30 a.m. Procession enters Franklin Field

10:15 a.m. University Commencement Ceremony  
*Franklin Field*

3:00 p.m. School of Nursing Ceremony  
*Verizon Hall at the Kimmel Center,  
Broad and Spruce Streets*



## **The Commencement Ceremony**

Upon the entrance of the academic procession into Franklin Field, all graduates and guests should rise and remain standing until after the invocation.

Caps are worn during the procession and removed for the singing of the National Anthem. When the deans present the candidates for each degree, candidates will replace their caps, rise, and remain standing until the President confers the degrees. After the degrees have been conferred, graduates lift their caps in salute to the President. The tassel is then shifted to the left side, front.

The Provost will acknowledge those receiving various academic honors, prizes and awards, as well as membership in scholastic honor societies. He will ask all persons who have earned these honors to rise for recognition and to remain standing until the completion of his remarks.

## **Webcast of the Commencement Ceremony**

Family members and friends who are unable to attend Penn's 263<sup>rd</sup> Commencement may view the ceremony live over the Internet. Coverage from Franklin Field will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. Please visit [commencement.upenn.edu/webcast.html](http://commencement.upenn.edu/webcast.html) to learn more about the webcast.

## **Academic Regalia**

Academic regalia is required for degree candidates at Commencement. All candidates who do not possess regalia must obtain their regalia from the Penn Bookstore, located at 36<sup>th</sup> and Walnut Streets. Detailed information is available on the Penn Bookstore website at [www.upenn.edu/bookstore](http://www.upenn.edu/bookstore).

Articles of clothing that will be visible at the neck and below the gown should be in keeping with the conservative style of the academic attire.



High heels should not be worn by graduates due to uneven surfaces along the procession route. The hood should be secured so that it will not slip off the shoulders. The cap is worn parallel to the ground; the tassel is worn in front and on the right side until the degree has been conferred.

In case of inclement weather, please be advised that the dye in the gown may stain clothing.

### BACHELOR AND MASTERS DEGREE CANDIDATES

From April 16<sup>th</sup> through April 18<sup>th</sup> graduating students can purchase and receive Commencement regalia at the Penn Bookstore during the Graduation Fair. Please visit the textbook department on the second level of the store where you will have the opportunity to talk with sales representatives.

### DOCTORAL DEGREE CANDIDATES

Please visit the Penn Bookstore website for ordering options. Representatives are currently available at the Bookstore to measure degree candidates for regalia and discuss various purchase/rental options. Regalia rented by March 15<sup>th</sup> will be available for pick up during the Grad Fair April 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Regalia must be returned to the Bookstore by 12 noon, Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. Purchase and rental options are also available on the Penn Bookstore website.

### THOSE UNABLE TO ORDER REGALIA AT THE GRADUATION FAIR

If you are a Doctoral Degree candidate unable to go to the Penn Bookstore, you may order regalia with a credit card by calling (215) 898-7595 through April 1<sup>st</sup>. Bachelor and Masters Degree candidates may go to the Bookstore anytime until May 20<sup>th</sup> to purchase regalia.

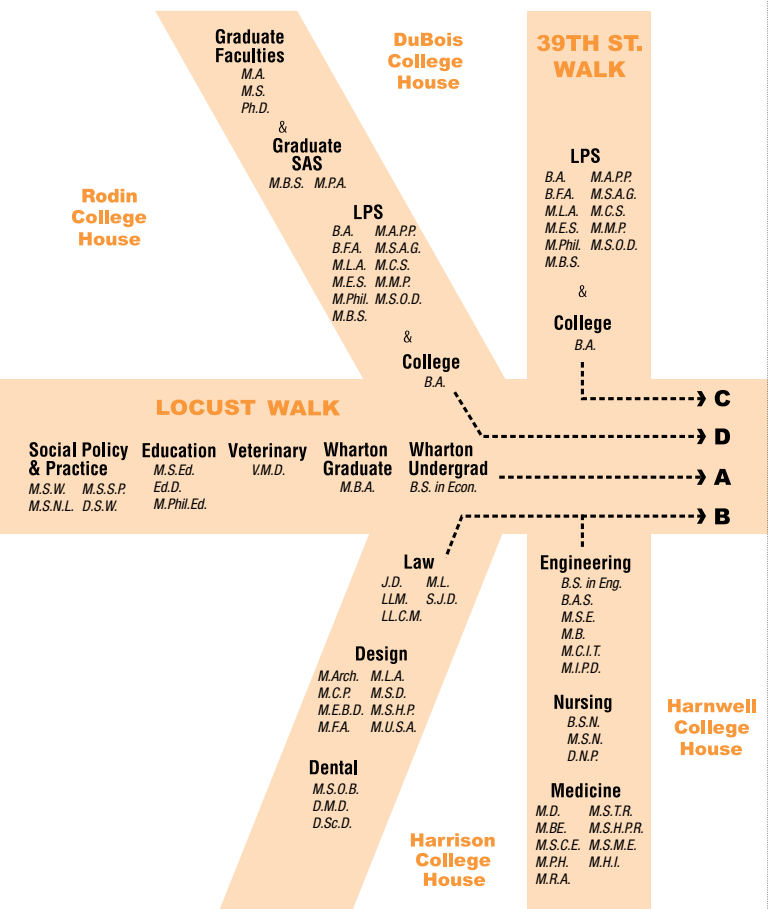


## Assembly of Degree Candidates

Degree candidates will assemble according to school in Hamilton Village, 39<sup>th</sup> Street and Locust Walk, no later than 8:45 a.m. (diagram below). School assembly points will be designated by signs. The identifying sign for M.A., M.S., and Ph.D. candidates, regardless of school, will be “Graduate Faculties,” with the exception of the degrees noted on the diagram shown below.

Please be prompt! Those who are not at the assembly points, in academic regalia, when the procession is formed will not be able to march with their classmates.

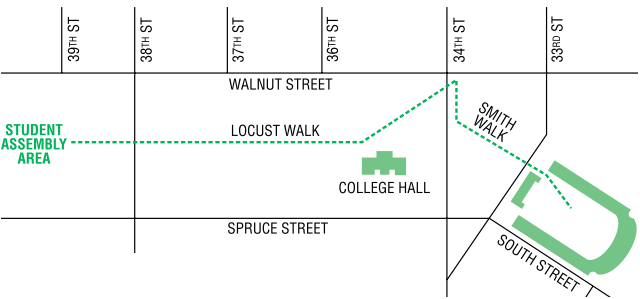
### STUDENT ASSEMBLY



## Student Procession

The procession of degree candidates will form and move in four columns as directed by Commencement marshals (identified by lanyards). The procession will move along Locust Walk, across 34<sup>th</sup> Street, down Smith Walk across 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, and into the north entrance of Franklin Field (diagram below).

### PROCESSION



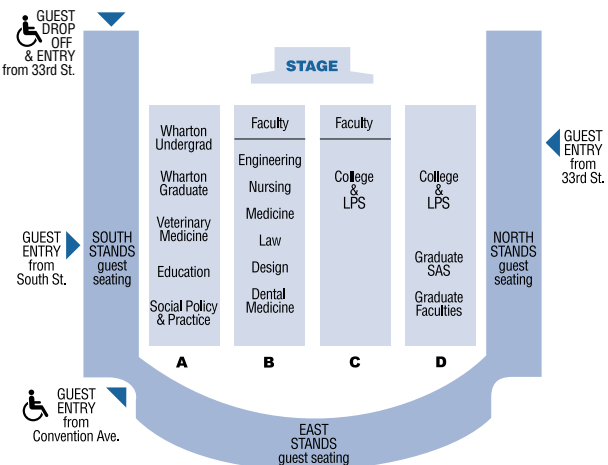
## Degree Candidates

If you wish to sit with friends on the field, you must line up in front of or behind each other in the same column of the procession. Do not stand next to each other, as each column is directed to a different section of Franklin Field. Once the procession begins, be sure to follow the person in front of you and stay in your original column.

Please walk briskly and make sure there are no gaps in the line in front of you. Do not leave the procession once it is underway. Candidates will be seated on the field according to school (diagram below).

When you reach the row to which you are directed, please move into it quickly, leaving no vacant seats in the row, and be seated immediately. An end seat in each row will bear a stack of programs; the person occupying that seat should pass the programs along the row. Bottled water will be available on the field for the degree candidates.

### SEATING CHART



## Hotel and Travel information

Guests of degree candidates are strongly advised to make reservations as early as possible. For hotel and travel information, contact the following:

- VISIT PENN  
[cms.business-services.upenn.edu/penntavel/visiting-penn.html](https://cms.business-services.upenn.edu/penntavel/visiting-penn.html)
- VISIT PHILLY  
[www.visitphilly.com](http://www.visitphilly.com) or 800-537-7676

## Parking

If you plan to drive to campus, please remember that there will be tremendous traffic congestion and parking will be limited, so arrive early. It is a regular workday for many people in the area and there are road closures to accommodate the procession. Parking facilities are located at:

- Walnut 38, University garage – the northeast corner of 38<sup>th</sup> and Walnut Streets (enter on 38<sup>th</sup> Street)
- Sheraton University City, Hotel garage – 36<sup>th</sup> and Chestnut Streets
- Walnut 40, University garage – 40<sup>th</sup> and Walnut Streets
- Chestnut 34, University garage (limited parking) – 34<sup>th</sup> and Chestnut Streets (enter on 34<sup>th</sup> Street)
- Ludlow 34, University lot – Ludlow Street (south side) between 33<sup>rd</sup> and 34<sup>th</sup> Streets
- Penn Park, University lot – 31<sup>st</sup> and Lower Walnut Street (accessed from Chestnut Street)







## Seating for Guests with Disabilities

Seating for guests who use wheelchairs, as well as those with limited physical mobility or medical conditions, will be available both on the field and in the lower stands. Please be aware that the stadium is bench seating. Due to space constraints, guests who are seated on the field may be accompanied by one escort only.

Beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>, arrangements for disability seating may be requested at [commencement.upenn.edu/ceremonies#access](https://commencement.upenn.edu/ceremonies#access). An email confirmation will be sent within five business days of submitting your request. Starting April 1<sup>st</sup>, you can call (215) 898-7369 (voice) if you have any questions. There is no guarantee that an accommodation can be made if the request is received after April 30<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will be mailed at the end of April. Commencement information materials are available in alternate formats upon request. Advance notice is required.

## Announcement Cards

The University provides eight announcement cards and envelopes to each graduating student for mailing to family and friends. Please remember that tickets are not required for the Commencement ceremony on Monday, May 20, 2019 and that there is no limit to the number of guests who may attend.

Students can pick up their announcements at their home schools, beginning Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. M.A., M.S., and Ph.D. candidates can pick up announcements from the Graduate Division of the School of Arts and Sciences. Students who graduated in August or December of 2018 will receive announcement cards, if requested, by mail.



### **Franklin Field Policies**

Alcoholic beverages and smoking are prohibited in Franklin Field. Guests and students are asked not to use cellular phones during the procession across campus and during the ceremony in Franklin Field.

### **In the Event of Inclement Weather**

Commencement will be held rain or shine. Franklin Field is an outdoor stadium and guests should come prepared for all weather conditions, including rain and hot sun. Only a limited amount of covered seating is available.

### **In the Event of Extreme Weather Conditions**

In the event of dangerous weather conditions that threaten personal safety (such as a severe thunderstorm, lightning, or tornado), the ceremony will be delayed. In the unlikely event that dangerous conditions are forecast to persist throughout the morning, the ceremony may be moved to the Palestra (33<sup>rd</sup> Street, just north of Franklin Field), where seating would be limited to degree candidates only. These steps would be taken only in extreme circumstances.

If changes are required due to severe or extreme weather, details about changes will be communicated by:

- A notice on the Commencement website, [commencement.upenn.edu](http://commencement.upenn.edu)
- Announcements on the University's emergency information line (215) 898-MELT (6358), radio station KYW (1060 AM), and (215) 573-GRAD (4723)
- Signs at Hamilton Village and around campus

## Baccalaureate Ceremony

The Baccalaureate Ceremony will be held on Sunday, May 19, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m., in Irvine Auditorium, located at 34<sup>th</sup> and Spruce Streets.

The Baccalaureate Ceremony is a 50-minute interfaith program that includes music, readings, prayers, and a guest speaker. Two consecutive ceremonies will be held in order to accommodate all those who wish to attend. Students whose last names begin with A through K are invited to attend the 1:30 p.m. ceremony. Students whose last names begin with L through Z are invited to attend the 3:00 p.m. ceremony. Tickets and academic regalia are not required.

## Diplomas

The following schools will distribute diplomas at their individual graduation ceremonies:

School of Dental Medicine: *All*

Law School: *All*

Perelman School of Medicine: *M.D.s only*

School of Veterinary Medicine: *All*

All other diplomas for May graduates will be mailed in July.

## Diploma Mailing Procedure

Diplomas are mailed in July, via First-Class U.S. Mail (not trackable), to the permanent address listed in Penn InTouch. Students who do not wish to use their permanent address should set a temporary address in Penn InTouch. The temporary address must be valid from June 7–September 30 (these dates can be set in Penn InTouch). Addresses should be updated no later than June 7. Diplomas mailed to international addresses can take up to eight weeks for delivery. To purchase trackable express shipping or to arrange for diploma pick up on campus, please visit the website of the Office of the University Secretary ([secretary.upenn.edu/diplomas](http://secretary.upenn.edu/diplomas)) for more information.

## Commencement Information

[commencement.upenn.edu](http://commencement.upenn.edu)

(215) 898-7006





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