The University of Pennsylvania’s 266th Commencement

will be held on Monday, May 16, 2022, 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.

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 Interim President’s party and the faculty) and will conclude at approximately 12:00 noon.
Graduation Ceremonies for Undergraduates in the Class of 2022

Saturday, May 14, 2022
2:00 p.m. School of Engineering and Applied Science Undergraduate Ceremony
Palestra

Sunday, May 15, 2022
9:00 a.m. Wharton School Undergraduate Ceremony
Palestra
6:30 p.m. College of Arts and Sciences Ceremony
Franklin Field

Monday, May 16, 2022
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
* Tickets are required
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, rise, and remain standing until the Interim President confers the degrees. After the degrees have been conferred, graduates lift their caps in salute to the Interim President. The tassel is then shifted to the left side, front.

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

Webcast of the Commencement Ceremony
Family members and friends who are unable to attend Penn’s 266th Commencement may view the ceremony live over the Internet. Coverage from Franklin Field will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, May 16. Please visit commencement.upenn.edu/home#webcast 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 36th and Walnut Streets. Detailed information is available on Grad Express at www.campusexpress.upenn.edu/graduation.
BACHELOR’S, MASTER’S AND DOCTORAL DEGREE CANDIDATES

Graduates can purchase and receive their Commencement regalia at the Penn Bookstore during Grad Week – March 21-27, 2022. The regalia is a commemorative keepsake. All regalia will be distributed on the second level of the Penn Bookstore near the textbook department. Degree candidates will have the opportunity to meet with staff members regarding any questions, such as ensuring the correct fit. Other graduation related products and special promotions will also be available during that week.

Doctoral candidates should consult with their respective Schools or Programs as there may be special requirements or recommendations regarding the preferred regalia.

CUSTOM DOCTORAL REGALIA

Custom regalia is typically chosen by doctoral candidates who plan to frequently participate in academic ceremonies requiring such attire in the future. Please keep in mind that doctoral candidates are not required to purchase custom regalia and may find it more economical to choose the standard doctoral regalia. Custom doctoral regalia can only be obtained by having it shipped directly. You must place your order by April 1, 2022, to receive the regalia by Commencement. Shipping fees apply. To order regalia, visit Grad Express www.campusexpress.upenn.edu/graduation.

THOSE UNABLE TO PICK UP THEIR REGALIA DURING GRAD WEEK

Caps and gowns will still be available at the Penn Bookstore after the above dates, but graduates are strongly encouraged to obtain their regalia at the Bookstore during Grad Week, when the store’s resources are dedicated to this process.

If you are not currently on campus, you may order your regalia online and have it shipped directly to you. You must place your order by April 1, 2022, to receive the regalia by Commencement. Shipping fees apply. To order regalia, visit Grad Express www.campusexpress.upenn.edu/graduation.
Assembly of Degree Candidates

Degree candidates will assemble according to School in Hamilton Village, 39th 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 specific 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 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 34th Street, down Smith Walk across 33rd 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.
Hotel and Travel information
For hotel and travel information, contact the following:

VISIT PENN
cms.business-services.upenn.edu/penntravel/visiting-penn.html

VISIT PHILLY
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 38th and Walnut Streets
(enter on 38th Street)

Sheraton University City, Hotel garage
36th and Chestnut Streets

Walnut 40, University garage
40th and Walnut Streets

Chestnut 34, University garage
(limited parking)
34th and Chestnut Streets
(enter on 34th Street)

Ludlow 34, University lot
Ludlow Street (south side) between 33rd and 34th Streets

Penn Park, University lot
31st and Lower Walnut Street
(accessed from Chestnut Street)
**Campus Visitor Policy**

The University requires visitors to campus and to University-sponsored events and gatherings to be fully vaccinated and to comply with mask requirements. Please see the most up-to-date information about the University's guidelines for visitors to campus. Before guests arrive on campus, they must complete a PennOpen Campus pre-screening. Each day you visit campus or come to University-sponsored activities, all graduates and guests must present their Green Pass for entry.

Please review information about how PennOpen Campus works.

Those living outside of the US should complete their PennOpen Campus pass upon arrival to campus, as its use may not be accessible in other countries. PennOpen Campus passes must be completed each day you are on campus.

The University requests that visitors not come physically to campus if they feel ill, have been exposed to a case of COVID-19, or if they are not fully vaccinated. Visitors are required to abide by guidance provided by the City of Philadelphia, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the Centers for Disease and Prevention Control, as well as public health guidance provided by the University. Public health guidance continues to evolve.

*Visitor Policies listed above are as of February 2022. Subject to change due to changes in public health guidance.*
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, arrangements for disability seating may be requested at commencement.upenn.edu/ceremonies#access. An email confirmation will be sent within five business days of submitting your request. Starting April 1, 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. Tickets will be mailed at the end of April. Commencement information materials are available in alternate formats upon request. Advance notice is required.
Franklin Field Policies
Alcoholic beverages and smoking are prohibited 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 (33rd 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
- Announcements on the University’s emergency information line (215) 898-MELT (6358) and radio station KYW (1060 AM)
- Signs at Hamilton Village and around campus
**Baccalaureate Ceremony**
The Baccalaureate ceremony for the undergraduate students will be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. in Irvine Auditorium. The Baccalaureate ceremony is an interfaith program that includes student musical performances, readings, prayers, and a special guest speaker. Tickets and academic regalia are not required.

**Diplomas**
The following schools will distribute diplomas at their individual graduation ceremonies:
- **School of Dental Medicine**: All
- **Perelman School of Medicine**: MDs only
- **School of Veterinary Medicine**: VMDs only

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 Path@Penn. Students who do not wish to use their permanent address should set a Diploma address in Path@Penn. 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) for more information.

**Commencement Information**
[commencement.upenn.edu](http://commencement.upenn.edu)
(215) 898-7006