

Graduation FAQ

Graduate FAQ's

Q - Do I or my guests need tickets to attend?

A - No tickets are required for guests or graduates.

Q - How long will the ceremony last?

A - Times vary each year depending on the number of graduates, length of speeches, number of highlighted speakers, and other factors. While it is impossible to tell how long it will last, two hours is a fairly common length.

Q - I am an honors graduate (GPA 3.50 – 4.00). Do I need to know anything special?

A - If you are an honors graduate (GPA 3.50 – 4.00), you are entitled to a gold tassel. Be sure to pick it up before May 24th. If you have already purchased your regalia and wish to exchange the black tassel, be sure to return it to the Campus Shop; otherwise, there will be an additional charge.

Q - I am fulfilling my degree requirements this summer/winter/fall. Can I still walk this Spring (May)?

A - All candidates graduating in Fall 2017, Spring 2018, and Summer 2018 are invited to attend the graduation ceremonies.

Q - I am part of an Honor Society (PTK, ABG). Do I need to know anything special?

A - Graduation announcements and Phi Theta Kappa stoles are available at the Campus Shop. All Honor Society members should also check in with their advisor for other details.

Q - My guests use a wheelchair/would like other special accommodations. Where can they sit?

A - There will be seating for guests that utilize wheelchairs on the main level of the Arena, as well as a section for those preferring to use a sign language interpreter. Admittance to this area is through the doors where the graduates will be lining up. *Seating will be available for only one family member to accompany the guest using the wheelchair.*

Q - What is Commencement vs. Graduation?

A - Graduation is the completion of all degree requirements as recorded on the official transcript. Commencement is the ceremony that celebrates the completion of a degree.

Q - What should I bring to the ceremony?

A - You should bring their name card and regalia.

Q - What should I wear to the ceremony?

A - Everyone participating in the ceremony is required to wear a cap and gown, available for purchase in the Campus Shop in the Student Center.

Q - When is rehearsal and do I have to go?

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A - Rehearsal will take place on Thursday, May 24th, from 1:00PM until 2:00PM at the Floyd L. Maines Veterans Memorial Arena. Enter the Arena on the ground level and take a seat in front of the stage. Yes, you are required to attend. You will be receiving important information regarding the graduation program.

Q - Where and when is the Commencement Ceremony/Line up?

A - The graduation processional will begin promptly at 7:30PM at the Floyd L. Maines Veterans Memorial Arena. Graduates will line up in full regalia at 6:45PM. They are to have their name card, which was mailed to them. If they do not have a name card, they will be able to pick one up at the rehearsal. Those unable to attend can watch via a live stream on the SUNY Broome main page.

Q - Where and when will I receive my Diploma?

A - Diplomas will be mailed to the Spring graduates after certification from the departments takes place. If you do not plan to attend the ceremonies, you may pick up a diploma cover in the Registrar's Office located at SS-105, during regular business hours, after June 1st.

Q - Where can I find photos of individual graduates?

A - GradImages GradTrak will be photographing each graduate as they receive their diploma cover. They will contact you with information on purchasing photo packages.

Q - Where can I/my guests park?

A - There is no reserved parking for guests other than for Handicapped parking (which is directly outside the Arena). Guests may park in parking lots on Collier Street and Hawley Street and the parking garages on State Street and Water Street. There is additional underground parking at the government plaza on Isbell Street.

Q - Where do I get Regalia?

A - Regalia for graduation may be purchased at the SUNY Broome Bookstore during regular store hours before May 18th, 2018.

Q - Where do I go the day of Commencement?

A - You will be told during rehearsal where they should line up. Guests will enter on the second floor of the arena on the Stuart Street entrance.

Q - Who do I contact if I have other questions or concerns?

A- Jason Boring with Student Activities: Email - StudentActivities@sunybroome.edu;
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