

COMMENCEMENT A to Z



ARRIVAL INFORMATION

Rehearsal: See ULM Commencement website for details.
[https://www.ulm.edu/commencement/.](https://www.ulm.edu/commencement/)

Ceremony: Enter the front entrance of the upper concourse of the Coliseum to pick up their name card, (honor cords and medallion – if applicable) and to line up on Commencement Day. Please arrive 1 hour before your ceremony.

ATTIRE

Rehearsal: See ULM Commencement website for details.

Ceremony: Recommended dress for the ceremony is dark clothing and dark shoes with your cap and gown. Your mortarboard tassel hangs on the right until you are instructed to move it to the left during the ceremony (undergraduates only). Involvement stoles must be approved and purchased through the Office of Student Engagement. [Involvement Stoles Policy.](#)

CAP & GOWNS

All Candidates: Caps and gowns are available for purchase at the **ULM Bookstore (318.342.1982)**.

Ed.D. and Ph.D. Candidates: Ed.D. and Ph.D. candidates are responsible for ensuring that their hoods are brought to the commencement ceremony.

CEREMONY

If you change your mind about participating in the ceremony without sending an email to commencement@ulm.edu, the mailing of your diploma will be delayed, possibly beyond the expected four to six weeks.

PARTICIPATION

COMMENCEMENT ETIQUETTE

Degree Candidates: You are expected to behave appropriately for the occasion. Commencement is a serious academic ceremony, not an athletics or social event. Behavior that is not acceptable in the classroom is not acceptable during commencement. Be happy but be appropriate and respectful!

Guests: Please ask your guests to do the same. Any noise other than normal applause keeps your name from being heard by your family and friends. If you want your name heard, respect your classmates' wishes for the same by asking your guests to act appropriately.

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DEBTS

All fees and other financial obligations to the University should be paid before commencement. If you believe you are delinquent in any manner, contact La Capitol Federal Credit Union (fees and traffic fines), the ULM Library (library fines), and/or University Police (permit, parking fines).

DIPLOMAS

Your diploma will be mailed within four to six weeks of commencement to the address specified on your graduation application. A diploma cover will be given to you as you cross the stage during commencement.

EXIT

If at any time you have received a guaranteed student loan through the university, you should complete an exit interview prior to commencement rehearsal. Please contact the **Office of Student Financial Aid at 342-5320** for more information.

INTERVIEW

GUESTS

Guests may enter the coliseum one hour early. Saving seats is not allowed. Guests with disabilities or infirmities may sit on the arena floor.

HONORS & HONORS CORDS

One the day of the ceremony, **Bachelor's and Pharm.D.** degree recipients whose cumulative GPA's fall between 3.5 and 4.0 (referred to as "overall GPA" in Banner) will receive honors cords signifying the Latin honors of cum laude, magna cum laude, and summa cum laude. A Pharm.D. candidate's cumulative average includes both the undergraduate and professional coursework.

Associate: On the day of the ceremony, associate degree recipients whose cumulative GPA's fall between 3.5 and 4.0 will receive white honors cords noting inclusion in the university's honors categories of Honors and High Honors.

NOTE: Latin honors/honors cords are not awarded to Graduate School candidates.

LIVE STREAM

For family members and friends unable to attend commencement, the university is pleased to offer a live video stream of the ceremony. The live stream can be accessed and will be archived on the www.ulm.edu/commencement.

NAME

CHANGE

If you filed a name change request form with the Registrar's Office after applying to graduate, please send an email to commencement@ulm.edu. Name changes affecting graduation in any way (e.g., diploma name, name in printed program, name announced during ceremony) must be filed no **later than five (5) weeks prior to commencement**.

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PHOTOGRAPHY

All questions about photos should be directed to **Grad Images** (www.gradimages.com), the company which will take your photo as you cross the stage during the ceremony.

Guests are not permitted on the arena floor during the ceremony to take photos.

REGALIA

Students are allowed to wear stoles for recognition of an academic honor or Recognized Student Organization participation, a academic honor cord, and any medallion received for academic awards such as GPA.

Please click the link to access the Mortar Boards policy [Mortar Boards Policy](#).

Also, you **must** wear all your regalia (i.e., cap and gown) throughout the ceremony. **Violating the regalia policy could result in your removal from the processional or ceremony.**

Questions about the ceremony?



Email commencement@ulm.edu.

Questions about whether you have met degree requirements? If you are an undergraduate candidate (bachelor's/associate) or professional candidate (Pharm.D.), you must contact your academic dean's office. If you are a graduate student, please contact the Graduate School.