

COMMENCEMENT A to Z

ARRIVAL INFORMATION

Rehearsal: See ULM Commencement website for details.
<https://www.ulm.edu/commencement/>

Ceremony: On commencement day, enter the floor of Fant-Ewing (at your college's designated time), where candidates will attain their name cards.

ATTIRE

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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. All graduates will arrive to the ceremony with their gowns unzipped so that the clothing underneath can be seen. Involvement stoles must be approved and purchased through the Office of Student Engagement (<https://www.ulm.edu/studentengagement/involvementstolepolicy.pdf>)

CAPS, 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 brought to the commencement ceremony.

CEREMONY PARTICIPATION

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 (see *Diplomas* in this list).

COMMENCEMENT ETIQUETTE

Degree Candidates: You are expected to behave in a manner which is appropriate 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 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.

ELECTRONICS

As a ceremony participant, you are not allowed to have cell phones, cameras, or other similar devices with you during the ceremony. **Such items will be taken upon your entry into the Coliseum** and returned after the ceremony. Because you cannot carry these items in the processional or secure them anywhere in the building, they should be left with your guests, as should umbrellas, purses, and extra apparel.

EXIT INTERVIEW

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.

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

For additional information, see *Regalia* in this list and [Degrees with Honors](#) in the undergraduate catalog.

Bachelor's, Doctor of Pharmacy:

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 maroon and gold 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*.

NOTES:

- Latin honors/honors cords are not awarded to Graduate School candidates.
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LIVE VIDEO STREAM

For family members and friends unable to attend commencement, the university is pleased to offer a live video stream of the ceremony. The link to the live video stream will be available on [ULM's home page](#) from approximately 10 minutes before the ceremony starts through the end of the ceremony. A video of the ceremony will be archived at 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.

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.

Displaying symbols or writing on your mortar board is also prohibited.

Also, you **must** wear all of your regalia (i.e., cap and gown) throughout the ceremony. **Violating the regalia policy in any way could result in your being removed from the processional and assessed a fine.**



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.