

# Commencement

## Commencement 2022

### Event Photos

View a gallery of photos captured from the commencement ceremonies.

[Commencement Photos](#)

### Event Program

[2022 UIS Commencement ProgramDownload](#)

### Additional Events

Event	Date	Contact/Info
	Thursday, March 24   11 a.m. - 7 p.m.	
Buy Regalia at Graduate Salute	Friday, March 25   10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday, March 26   9 a.m. - 1 p.m.	
Student Affairs Leadership Awards	May 6   2 p.m. Student Union	This program is designed to award students and registered student organizations for their leadership and contribution to the campus and student development and engagement.

Diversity Center Celebration	May 7   1-2:30 p.m. Student Union Ballroom	<a href="mailto:jrose22@uis.edu">jrose22@uis.edu</a>
Diversity Center: For the Culture Kickback	May 7   4-7 p.m. Student Union Patio	<a href="mailto:jrose22@uis.edu">jrose22@uis.edu</a>
International Congratulatory Ceremony	Friday, May 13   2 p.m. Student Union Ballroom	<a href="mailto:esuzu2@uis.edu">esuzu2@uis.edu</a>
Doctorate Hooding Ceremony	Friday, May 13   6 p.m. Student Union	<a href="mailto:jblan7@uis.edu">jblan7@uis.edu</a>
Trey Kennedy: The Are You For Real? Tour	Friday, May 13   7 p.m. Sangamon Auditorium	<a href="#">Learn more or purchase tickets.</a>
COLRS Online Graduate Meet- and-Greet	Saturday, May 14   9-11 a.m. Student Union	Graduates can meet their program coordinator, receive a gift bag, and take a tour of campus.
COLRS Online Graduate Salute	<a href="#">Online Graduate Salute   University of Illinois Springfield (uis.edu)</a>	Read messages of congratulations from the Chancellor, deans, and online program coordinators. The list of graduates will be included as in past years.

## Commencement News

Sep 23, 2022

[FALL 2022 UIS Graduation Application Deadline is Monday, October 3 \(APPLY NOW\)](#)

Students graduating in Fall 2022 or Spring 2023 must submit an online Graduation Application via Student Self-Service (<https://apps.uillinois.edu/> - "...

Aug 26, 2022

[FALL 2022 AND SPRING 2023 UIS GRADUATION APPLICATION DEADLINES](#)

ATTENTION STUDENTS! APPLY NOW IF YOU WILL BE GRADUATING IN FALL 2022 OR SPRING 2023! Students graduating in Fall 2022 or Spring 2023 must submit an...Jun 14, 2022

[Summer 2022 UIS Graduation Application Deadline - Monday, July 4](#)

Students graduating in Summer 2022 or Fall 2022 must submit an online Graduation Application via Student Self-Service (<https://apps.uillinois.edu/> - "...

May 17, 2022

[UIS releases complete list of 2022 graduates](#)

A total of 1,129 students earned degrees from the University of Illinois Springfield at the conclusion of the spring semester on May 14, 2022, pending...



May 15, 2022

[Students celebrate graduation during the 51st annual UIS Commencement ceremonies](#)

The University of Illinois Springfield held two commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 14, 2022, at the Bank of Springfield (BOS) Center in downtown...

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## **Accommodations**

# Commencement FAQs

## **Who can participate in Commencement?**

The following three groups of individuals may be eligible to participate in the upcoming commencement stage experience if they meet all of the listed guidelines. There will be NO exceptions to the criteria listed below. Students cannot participate in more than one ceremony for the same degree program. Therefore, if you have already participated in or were eligible to participate in a PREVIOUS ceremony, you may not participate again.

### **Summer 2021 and Fall 2021 Graduates:**

These graduates are automatically eligible to participate.

### **Spring 2022 Candidates:**

A Spring 2022 graduation application must be on file in the Office of Records and Registration no later than **February 18, 2022**.

### **Summer 2022 Candidates:**

A Summer 2022 graduation application must be on file in the Office of Records and Registration no later than **February 18, 2022**. In addition, an approved Student Petition requesting to participate in commencement must also be on file in the Office of Records and Registration by **February 18, 2022**.

\*For questions regarding eligibility, please contact the Registrar's Office:

[registrar@uis.edu](mailto:registrar@uis.edu) or 217-20-7730

## **How do I register for Commencement?**

Confirmation of intent to participate was due March 21. The form is now closed.

## **What happens during the Commencement Ceremony?**

Graduates will form a procession into the Bank of Springfield Center. After several ceremonial pieces, students will have their name announced, receive a UIS diploma cover, walk across the stage have their photo taken a professional photographer with the Chancellor.

### **How long will the ceremony last?**

Each of the ceremonies will last approximately 1.5 hours.

### **Do I have to wear a cap and gown?**

Academic regalia is required, including a black cap and gown.

### **When will I be able to purchase a cap and gown?**

"Graduate Salute" to be held in the UIS Bookstore (located on the lower level of the Public Affairs Center). Dates and times of the "Graduate Salute" are as follows:

<b>Thursday, March 24</b>	<b>11 a.m. - 7 p.m.</b>
<b>Friday, March 25</b>	<b>10 a.m. - 6 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday, March 26</b>	<b>9 a.m. - 1 p.m.</b>

### **What if I can't attend Graduate Salute?**

Online graduates and those who are unable to attend Graduate Salute were provided a link to buy online at the time they completed their Intent to Participate Form.

### **I was supposed to receive a stole or cord from a specific RSO or group. Will I still receive it?**

Cords and stoles provided by Registered Student Organizations, Athletics and campus departments are managed individually by those organizations. Please reach out to your contact within that specific organization.

## **My guests or I will require accommodations for accessibility. Who should I contact?**

Graduates with a disability-related accommodation request should contact Student Affairs at 217-206-8038.

Guests with a disability-related accommodation request should contact Office Disability Services at 217-206-6666 or email [potthast.chrisa@uis.edu](mailto:potthast.chrisa@uis.edu).

## **What COVID Protocols will be in place for Commencement?**

At this time no decisions have been made about possible mitigations for the 2022 commencement celebrations. As soon as any information regarding COVID protocols for commencement are issued we will notify campus.

## **How do I purchase picture from the professional photographer?**

Graduates will receive a passport size proofs in the mail. There is no obligation to purchase, and they will have the option of ordering several enlargement packages at a reasonable price. Questions regarding photographs following commencement should be addressed to GradImages ([www.gradimages.com/](http://www.gradimages.com/))

## **When and where are diplomas mailed?**

University of Illinois Springfield diplomas are 8.5×11 inches and sent by first-class mail to a student's diploma address approximately nine weeks after your conferral date.

## **Tickets + Number of Guests**

Commencement is not a ticketed event, so guests do not need a ticket to attend. Additionally, there is no limit to the number of guests per graduate.

## **iCard for Commencement Check In**

If you have an iCard, please bring it to Commencement to expedite check in. If you do not have an iCard, you can check in with your UIN and netID.

## Graduates

### REGISTRATION

Students should have submitted a graduation application to the Office of Records and Registration by **Feb. 18, 2022**.

### ELIGIBILITY

Students can only participate in the commencement ceremony in which they are FIRST eligible (based upon the term for which the student submitted a graduation application). Students cannot participate in more than one ceremony for the same degree program.

Students may be eligible to participate in the upcoming commencement ceremonies if they meet all of the listed guidelines. There will be NO exceptions to the criteria listed below.

- **Summer 2021 and Fall 2021 Graduates:** These graduates are automatically eligible to participate.
- **Spring 2022 Candidates:** A Spring 2022 graduation application must be on file in the Office of Records and Registration no later than **Feb. 18, 2022**.
- **Summer 2022 Candidates:** A Summer 2022 graduation application must be on file in the Office of Records and Registration no later than **Feb. 18, 2022**. In addition, an approved Student Petition requesting to participate in commencement must also be on file in the Office of Records and Registration by **Feb. 18, 2022**.
- **DPA students:** You must be deemed eligible to participate by **March 31**. Please contact your advisor for additional information.

### PARTICIPATION



Graduates are responsible for knowing and adhering to all University of Illinois Springfield (UIS) policies, deadlines, and procedures. Specific graduation and commencement-related information is available in the current catalog and must be followed. An [appeal of the commencement participation policy](#) must be made in writing (via letter or email) and must include all documentation that supports the appeal.

The following steps **are required** to participate in Commencement:

1. Confirmation of participation by **March 21**. Only those who are eligible were able to submit their intent to participate form, and the form is now closed. This step is required, even for students who are making special cap and gown arrangements (E.g., borrowing a black cap and gown).
2. Purchase a cap and gown during Graduate Salute, sponsored by the UIS Bookstore and Herff Jones. Additional graduation merchandise will be available for purchase including diploma frames and announcements. Order your cap and gown during Graduate Salute to avoid late fees.

Graduate Salute | Location: UIS Bookstore, Public Affairs Center, lower level

- Thursday, March 24, 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.
- Friday, March 25, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- Saturday, March 26, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Cap and gown prices:

- Bachelor Unit: \$40.75 plus tax
- Master Unit & Hood: \$74.25 plus tax
- Doctoral Unit & Hood: \$90.85 plus tax

Units include cap, gown, and tassel. These items are yours to keep, in addition to master and doctoral hoods.

## **Alternative Cap and Gown Arrangements:**

Students making special cap and gown arrangements (E.g., borrowing a black cap and gown) **MUST** still confirm their participation by submitting an online intent to participate.

# Online Graduates/Those Unable to Attend Graduate Salute:

A link was provided to purchase online after completing the intent to participate form which was due March 21.

## Additional FAQs

### Access to your NetID

Your NetID will remain active for three (3) semesters after graduation. After that time, you will no longer be able to use your NetID to access email, Blackboard, or other campus services such as Box, lynda, Office 365, etc. Please see the [User Account Lifecycle for NetIDs](#) policy for more information.

### Ceremony DVD

A ceremony DVD will be available for \$25. This cost includes postage in the continental United States. [Complete the form](#) to order your copy. Questions should be addressed to the Office of Electronic Media at 217-206-6799.

### Diplomas

On commencement day, diploma covers are presented to students by the Chancellor. Official diplomas are not given out at commencement, but are instead mailed to students separately.

### Etiquette

Want to know the proper **etiquette** for Commencement? [Download the guide here.](#) (pdf)

### First Destination Survey (FDS)

The First Destination Survey (FDS) is a national survey that is meant to gain knowledge about what activities students are engaging in after graduation from college. The information gained from the survey helps to determine institution effectiveness and provide data for reporting needs, to enhance UIS academic offerings, and support career exploration for current and future students. Prior to graduation day, you will receive emails with additional information and be asked to complete the Outcomes Survey. By completing the survey, you will qualify to win a variety of prizes including iPads and gift cards. For further information, you may visit the [UIS Career Development website](#).

## **Photographs**

Professional photography on commencement day will be provided by [GradImages](#). Questions regarding photographs following the ceremony should be addressed directly to GradImages.

## **Stoles/Cords**

Program marshals have the responsibility for lining up their program's graduates, leading them in the procession to their seats, and leading them across the stage to receive their diploma covers. Because of this responsibility, it is essential that these individuals can be identified by students. Therefore, only program marshals are allowed to wear gold stoles during commencement. Some departments, associations, and groups have chosen to recognize their students by allowing them to wear colored cords or non-gold stoles. Those seeking approval to distribute cords or non-gold stoles to their students must do so by submitting a formal request to the Registrar in the Office of Records and Registration. The request is considered, the Registrar communicates a decision to the appropriate parties, and updates the master list of approved cords, stoles, and miscellaneous items worn at commencement.

## **Student Speaker Application Information**

The application to audition is now closed.

## **Tickets + Number of Guests**

Commencement is not a ticketed event, so guests do not need a ticket to attend. Additionally, there is no limit to the number of guests per graduate.

## **Guests and Visitors**

### **International Guests**

If you have family members needing a letter from the Registrar's office to help with the Visa process, please contact them right away at [REGISTRAR@uis.edu](mailto:REGISTRAR@uis.edu).

### **Springfield Information**

For information related to Springfield, please visit the website for the [Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau](#). They have created a landing page devoted specifically to UIS family and friends.

### **Directions to the BOS Center**

BOS Center is located at 1 Convention Center Plaza, Springfield, Illinois 62701

The Center parking ramp is located at the corner of 7th and Washington streets. Other special events are being held downtown on commencement day. Therefore, it is highly recommended that you allow extra time for heavy traffic and parking (parking information can be found below).

- Coming from the SOUTH on I-55 (St. Louis), take the 6th St. Exit (#92) to Downtown Springfield. Stay on 6th St. At Washington St. turn right. Go one (1) block.
- Coming from the NORTH on I-55 (Chicago), take the Clear Lake Avenue Exit (#98). Clear Lake Ave. merges with Jefferson St. Take a left on 7th St. Go one (1) block.
- Coming from the EAST on I-72 (Champaign), continue straight ahead on Clear Lake Ave. It will merge with Jefferson St. Take a left on 7th St. Go one (1) block.
- Coming from the WEST on I-72 (Jacksonville), take the 6th St. Exit to Downtown Springfield. Stay on 6th St. At Washington St. turn right. Go one (1) block.

Map it with [MapQuest](#)

Use [Google Maps](#)

## **Downtown Parking**

### **Parking Ramps**

- 7th & Adams – Located next to the Convention Center and Pres. A. Lincoln Hotel
- 7th & Monroe – Located next to Hilton Hotel
- 6th & Washington – Located below the Old State Capitol- Open 7am-7pm on weekdays, Sat. 7am-6pm, closed on Sun.
- 6th & Capital
- 4th & Washington- 24 hour access
- 7th & Monroe – Located below Lincoln Library
- Abraham Lincoln Museum – 7am – 7pm, Wed. night open until 10pm

### **Parking Lots**

- 4th & Washington

Note: Other special events are being held downtown on commencement day; therefore, not all parking ramps/lots may be available.

## **Performing Arts Center Show**

While you are in town for Commencement, see a show on the UIS campus at the Performing Arts Center.

Friday, May 13 -- [Trey Kennedy: The Are You For Real? Tour](#)

## **Contact**