

FALL COMMENCEMENT 2018

GRADUATE INSTRUCTIONS



Congratulations, graduates! Please review the following instructions for a successful celebration. Cal Poly encourages you to have a safe and enjoyable commencement by celebrating responsibly.

CEREMONIES

RECREATION CENTER MAIN GYM

- 9AM** College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences
College of Science and Mathematics
- 1PM** Orfalea College of Business
College of Liberal Arts
- 4PM** College of Architecture and Environmental Design
College of Engineering

PARKING & SHUTTLES

Enter campus on Grand Avenue and follow directional signage.

Parking is available in the Grand Avenue structure and Parking Structure 131.

Parking permits are not required for commencement.

Shuttles will be available for guests with mobility impairments.

TIPS & REMINDERS



Doors open one hour before each ceremony. Graduate processional into the main gym begins 20 minutes before each ceremony.



After the ceremony, designate a meeting place with family and friends outside of the Recreation Center.



Immediately following each ceremony, participants and guests are invited to attend a reception in the UU Plaza.



Please dress comfortably. There may be lengthy walks on grass, hills and uneven pavement.



Please leave pets at home. Only service animals are permitted on campus.



Alcohol, fireworks, weapons and glass bottles are prohibited. Those found in possession of such items will be removed from the ceremony.



ASSEMBLY SITE

The assembly site for each college is located behind the main gym on the west side of the Recreation Center (closest to the Health Center). Each college will line up separately.

ARRIVAL INSTRUCTIONS

Report to your assembly site in full regalia (including hoods for master's degree candidates) **ONE HOUR PRIOR** to your ceremony start time to pick up and fill out your name card.

Processional into the stadium from the assembly site will begin 20 minutes before your ceremony start time.

CEREMONY TIMELINE

PROCESSIONAL

- Faculty will lead you into the main gym.
- Walk quickly to your seat.
- You will be seated with your college.

CEREMONY

- The ceremony will last approximately 1.5 hours.
- Remain at your seat until your row is escorted to the stage for name reading. Be sure to bring your name card with you as you line up.
- Master's degree candidates will be recognized first, followed by bachelor's degree candidates.

RECESSIONAL

The gym will exit in the following order:

1. President's Party
2. College Marshals
3. Faculty
4. Graduates
5. Family/Supporters

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Download the free Cal Poly Now app in the App Store or Google Play and search for "Commencement" to receive important day-of alerts and ceremony-related information including event schedules, shuttle information, parking maps and more.

