

2021 Commencement FAQ Sheet

CEREMONY

1. **When is the Ceremony?**

A: Friday, June 11, 2021 at 6 p.m.—*Graduates need to arrive by 5 p.m.*

2. **How do I tell you I want to participate?**

A: You **MUST** return the enclosed reply card by mail before Friday, May 7, 2021, to participate in the ceremony.

3. **Will there be a rehearsal?**

A: No, a ceremony walk-through is included in this packet. (YELLOW sheet).

4. **When do I need to arrive for the ceremony?**

A: Graduates need to arrive by 5 p.m. on Friday, June 11, to the Wayne Crooch Hall parking lot.

5. **Will there be places for my friends & family to observe?**

A: Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 restrictions, **observers will not be allowed**. However, ***you are welcome to have your family or friends in your vehicle with you***. Only one vehicle per graduate will be allowed.

6. **How can my friends and family observe the ceremony?**

A: The ceremony will be broadcast on UCC's YouTube channel. All graduates are encouraged to decorate their vehicles for this broadcast. The link for the broadcast is <https://www.youtube.com/umpquacc>.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

7. **Will commencement still take place if it rains?**

A: Commencement 2021 is a rain or shine event.

REGALIA

8. **How do I get my cap & gown?**

A: Cap & Gown distribution is scheduled for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, June 7, 8 & 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the UCC Library SW parking lot. (GREEN sheet)

9. **Who can wear the Honor Stoles?**

A: Graduates with a UCC cumulative GPA of 3.75 or higher as of the end of winter term 2021 will be allowed to wear honor stoles during the ceremony. This Honor Stole **MUST BE RETURNED** to the college or a fine will be incurred. (Graduates who have purchased the Phi Theta Kappa stole may wear them in the ceremony, but unless their accumulated UCC GPA is 3.75 or above as of the end of winter term 2021, they will not be listed as graduating with honors).

10. **Where do I get my Honor Stole?**

A: Honor Stoles will be distributed during Cap & Gown distribution on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, June 7, 8 & 9, 2021.

11. Do I need to return anything after the ceremony?

A: The cap, gown, tassel, and diploma cover are yours to keep. **If you are wearing an Honor Stole, it must be returned.** If honor stoles are not returned by Monday, June 14, a \$30.00 fee will be placed on your student account and your official transcript may be held.

DIPLOMA

12. Do I need to go through the ceremony to receive my diploma?

A: Participation is optional. However, we encourage you to attend the ceremony to celebrate your achievement.

13. When will I receive my diploma?

A: Once it is verified that your requirements have been met, your transcript will show your official diploma information. Your actual diploma or certificate will be mailed to you within six weeks. *Please verify that The Office of Registration and Records has your current mailing address.*

14. Will my full name be printed on my diploma?

A: The name you provided on your Graduation Application will be the name printed on your diploma.

15. Will I get a cover or case to store my diploma?

A: A diploma cover will be given to you during the ceremony. (This will NOT contain your actual diploma). If you choose not to participate in the ceremony, you may pick up a diploma cover from the Hawk Shop (Bookstore) in the LaVerne Murphy Student Center beginning Monday, June 14, 2021.

MISCELLANEOUS

16. What are the dates & deadlines I should be aware of?

A: Send your **reply card before May 7, 2021**. Arrive to the Wayne Crooch Hall parking lot by **5 p.m. on June 11** to participate in the ceremony. A Commencement Schedule of Events is included in this packet (PINK corner).

17. Are graduation announcements available?

A: Yes! You may purchase generic announcements at the Hawk Shop.

18. Are photographs available?

A: Due to COVID-19 restrictions, there will not be photography available.