May 2016

Dear Graduating Senior:

CONGRATULATIONS on your participation in the upcoming College of Letters and Science Commencement on Saturday, June 11, 2016 at the UC Davis Pavilion. A list showing the time of the ceremony for your major is included for your reference.

**REMINDERS**

**Cap and Gown Pick-up:**
- Friday, May 27, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Pavilion
- May 28 through June 12 at the ARC Lobby
  - Noon - 4:00 pm on Saturday
  - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm Monday through Friday
- Questions regarding cap and gowns should be directed to UC Davis Stores.

- Entry Period: Wednesday, May 25, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. (PST) and ends on Sunday, June 5, 2016 at 11:59:59 p.m. (PST).
- Voting Period: Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. (PST) and ends on Thursday, June 9, 2016 at 11:59:59 p.m. (PST).
- Winner Announcement: On or about Friday, June 10, 2016 on the UC Davis Facebook page.

Play that Tune: Vote for your favorite song to be played as the recessional song during Spring Commencement 2016. Once you’ve walked across the stage and your degree has been conferred, the most popular song will be played as you leave the building as a celebration of your achievement. Vote at [https://is.gd/PlayThatTune](https://is.gd/PlayThatTune) until June 1, 2016.

- **TICKET REMINDER:** All guests must have a ticket. Children under the age of two do not need a ticket. If you do not need all of your tickets, we strongly urge you to print and return the extra tickets to your dean’s office as soon as possible. (See information packet for additional ticket policies.)

Please note that ticket allocation is based upon the actual number of students participating in the ceremony, capacity of the venue and reasons for need. Your graduation from UC Davis is a major milestone in your life and we wish that we could issue an unlimited amount of tickets for your loved ones. However, we must accommodate some guests for all of our students.

- **EXTRA TICKETS:**
  
  **9 A.M./7 P.M. CEREMONY:** A limited number of tickets will be distributed on Thursday, June 9, beginning at 9 a.m. at the L&S Deans’ Office front desk, located in the Social Science & Humanities Building on street level (facing Hickey Gym & Field). More information on quantity and procedure will be e-mailed Monday, June 6. Also stay tuned to our Facebook page and Twitter page for up-to-date information.

  **FOR 2 P.M. CEREMONY:** A limited number of tickets will be distributed beginning on Monday, June 6 at the L&S Deans’ Office front desk, located in the Social Science & Humanities Building on street level (facing Hickey Gym & Field). We are open 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-4 p.m., Monday to Friday. Registered students can receive up to 2 additional extra tickets with an ID. Tickets will be distributed until there are none left.

- **LIVE BROADCAST/OVERFLOW ROOM:** Guests without tickets are invited to the live broadcast/overflow room in the ARC Ballroom, just next to the Pavilion, where the entire commencement can be viewed. Seating is limited to 400 and is first-come, first-serve. Please note that the ballroom is the perfect venue for those with special needs or small children and free refreshments will be served.

- **WATCH ON-LINE:** The ceremony can also be viewed via live streaming webcast (and on-demand following the event) at: http://commencementvideo.ucdavis.edu/.

- **CANCELLATION:** If, for some reason, you decide not to participate in this commencement ceremony, you MUST cancel your registration. If you do not, then you will not be eligible to participate in any future commencement ceremony.

By registering for commencement and receiving your tickets, you and your guests are agreeing to the policies listed in the following information packet. Our goal is to make commencement an event you and your families will fondly remember.

College of Letters and Science
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COLLEGE OF LETTERS AND SCIENCE SPRING COMMENCEMENT
SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2016
UC DAVIS PAVILION

9 a.m.

- Applied Mathematics
- Applied Physics
- Chemical Physics
- Chemistry
- Cognitive Science
- Computer Science
- Geology
- Marine & Coastal Science
- Mathematical & Scientific Computation

- Mathematical Analytics and Operations Research
- Mathematics
- Natural Sciences
- Pharmaceutical Chemistry
- Physics
- Psychology*
- Statistics

2 p.m.

- African American & African Studies
- American Studies
- Art History
- Art Studio
- Asian American Studies
- Chicana/Chicano Studies
- Chinese
- Cinema & Digital Media
- Classical Civilization
- Communication
- Comparative Literature
- Design
- Dramatic Art (Theatre & Dance)
- East Asian Studies
- English
- Film Studies
- French

- Gender, Sexuality & Women’s Studies
- German
- History
- Individual Major
- Italian
- Japanese
- Linguistics
- Medieval Studies
- Middle East/South Asia Studies
- Music
- Native American Studies
- Nature and Culture
- Philosophy
- Religious Studies
- Russian
- Spanish
- Technocultural Studies

7 p.m.

- Anthropology
- Economics
- International Relations
- Political Science
- Political Science-Public Service

- Psychology*
- Science & Technology Studies
- Sociology
- Sociology-Organizational Studies

*Due to the amount of Psychology graduates, it will be presented at both the 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. ceremonies. Students will have a choice of which ceremony to register for.
By registering for commencement and receiving your tickets, you and your guests are agreeing to the information and policies listed below. Please share these policies with your guests.

**STUDENTS - DON’T FORGET:**
- Rent your cap & gown from the UC Davis bookstore website [http://ucdavisstores.com](http://ucdavisstores.com).
- If you have limited mobility or special needs, please contact lscommencement@ucdavis.edu.

**STUDENTS – THE MORNING OF:**
We recommend business casual attire at the ceremony. For your safety and comfort, please wear low-heeled shoes.

**STUDENTS & GUESTS – PARKING:**
Parking permits are NOT required on commencement day and parking is available in the West Entry Parking Structure and several lots near the Pavilion. Traffic officers and signs will direct you and your guests. Lot 25, closest to the Pavilion, is available for those with a California state-issued handicapped placard or a UC Davis Commencement Special Parking Permit (to access, stay in the right hand lane upon entering Lot 25). Golf carts will patrol to pick up those who have difficulty walking long distances and transport them to the nearest Concourse level entrance. ([Maps are available under the header “Parking” under General Information at http://commencement.ucdavis.edu](http://commencement.ucdavis.edu).)

**GUESTS – WHEN YOU ARRIVE:**
Doors will open one hour prior to the ceremony (8 a.m., 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. respectively). Guests may enter the Pavilion at the Northeast, Southeast and Southwest Concourse level entrances. The Northeast entrance will be designated for mobility-impaired guests.

Guests are subject to search for inappropriate items before entering the Pavilion.
- No animals except assistance dogs are allowed in the Pavilion.
- Tripods will NOT be allowed in the Pavilion.
- Balloons and any other large gift items will be checked into a holding room and you may pick them up after the ceremony concludes. It is recommended that you leave such items at home or in your vehicle.
- Other inappropriate or distracting items [such as noisemakers] will be confiscated at the door and during the ceremony.

- **Flowers** may be ordered ahead of time and picked up on-site on the day of commencement by visiting [http://www.graduationdayflowers.com](http://www.graduationdayflowers.com).
- **Graduate T-Shirts** sales will be outside near the Northeast entrance.
- **UC Davis merchandise** sales will be inside the ARC lobby and ProShop.
- **Program sales** sales will be located at the ARC Pro Shop or inside the Pavilion in the North West Concourse level. Cost is $10.00. Graduates will receive a complimentary program at the ceremony on their chair.

For guests with limited mobility, plan to arrive early to ensure your party can sit together in a convenient location. Enter at the Northeast Concourse level. We also suggest that you obtain a wheelchair if someone in your party cannot negotiate stairs or steep inclines. Please note that the university is unable to provide wheelchairs. Limited seating is available for wheelchairs and **one companion** at designated areas on the concourse level. Additionally, there will be limited handicapped seating in designated areas. All other guests must be seated in general guest seating.
**STUDENTS – WHEN TO ARRIVE & WHERE TO ASSEMBLE:**
Please arrive one hour before the ceremony in order to line up on the field, south of the Pavilion.

The line-up area is for graduates ONLY. Please direct your guests directly to the Pavilion. Staff will assist students in lining up by major.

You will receive a name card at line-up. This name card serves two purposes – how to announce & pronounce your name as you cross the stage; and where to send your photograph proofs after the ceremony. **The barcode is specific to your name.** This barcode will be scanned before you cross the stage and will display your name on the Jumbo Tron. Please pick up this card under the tent in the line-up area from the table that corresponds to your last name no later than 20 minutes to the start of your ceremony (8:40, 1:40 and 6:40 respectively).

Late arrivals should line-up with their major and once seated inside, can pick-up their card in the Southwest Tunnel. For those arriving after the processional, you will be seated in the back and can join your major on stage when called.

GradImages® is the official photographer for Commencement. Your proofs will be available after the ceremony. To view your proofs online, please visit [www.gradimages.com](http://www.gradimages.com). Pictures may be ordered online, by phone, or by mail. Pre-register at [www.gradimages.com](http://www.gradimages.com), and click on the Pre-Event Registration at the bottom of the page. This provides them with the most correct and up-to-date contact information and ensures the delivery of your graduation proofs in a timely manner. You may register your email and up to 6 emails of loved ones who would like to share in your accomplishment by viewing and ordering photos.

**STUDENTS – PROCESSIONAL & CEREMONY PROTOCOL:**
Staff ushers will escort graduates to the floor of the hall and to their seats. All graduates are subject to search for inappropriate items and gowns should remain unzipped for security checks before entering the Pavilion. Inappropriate items (such as noisemakers, tortillas, inflatable balls or any projectiles) will also be confiscated.

Please remain standing while the faculty and stage party enter and during the National Anthem.

After welcoming remarks and speeches, staff will escort students to the stage. Grad Images will take a posed photo of each graduate before crossing the stage, as well as a candid photo while receiving the certificate of participation. No actual diplomas will be given at the ceremony. (Wear the tassel away from the audience when you are crossing the stage so your face will be clearly visible to the photographer.) You will hand your name card to the reader on stage as you enter the stage. You will then walk across the stage to receive your certificate and exit the stage to receive your alumni pin. Once all graduates have been presented, the recession will begin first with the stage party, then the faculty, followed by the new graduates.

**GUESTS – CEREMONY PROTOCOL:**
Photos taken by guests will be permitted from their seats or from the designated photo areas available during the ceremony. Guests are not allowed on the main floor of the commencement where the graduates are seated nor on the stage without prior approval from a commencement coordinator.

**STUDENTS - UPON LEAVING COMMENCEMENT:**
Return gowns to the designated area in the ARC Plaza (outside near Starbucks) immediately after the ceremony.
## STUDENTS & GUESTS – OBSERVING RAMADAN

With the observance of Ramadan between sundown on June 5 to sundown on July 6, UC Davis is offering a prayer room at the Transportation and Parking Services (TAPS) building near the Pavilion. The room will have prayer rugs and a partition to allow separate areas for men and women. Two “Muslim Prayer Space” signs will be at the southwest corner of the TAPS building near the bike path and will direct to the entrance. Aggie Hosts will escort those using the room and access will be limited to only those requesting the prayer room. There will not be restroom access for the general public.

On June 11, the prayer room will be open 12:30-9:30 p.m. Sunset is scheduled to be at 8:31 p.m. Light snacks and water will be available outside of the prayer room from 5:30-9:30 p.m.

## STUDENTS – BEHAVIOR AT COMMENCEMENT

UC Davis regalia is mandatory for graduates and the university reserves the right to refuse admission to students who do not comply with this requirement.

Any student perceived as being under the influence of alcohol or drugs may be detained or removed from the ceremony by staff and/or security for further investigation.

University policy prohibits the unlawful use, sale, distribution, dispensing, or possession of alcohol or of controlled substances by students on University premises and official University functions. Students shall not use illegal substances or abuse legal substances in a manner that impairs scholarly activities or student life. (Adapted from UCD P&P Manual Chapter 380, Section 18) Students violating this policy may be excluded from privileges and activities when there is reasonable cause to believe that their conduct 1) threatens the safety of themselves and others on University property or at University functions; and/or 2) disrupts the orderly operation of the campus. (Adapted from UC Board of Regents Policy on Student Conduct & Discipline)

## STUDENTS & GUESTS – TICKETS & ATTENDANCE

Tickets are given out based on the venue’s capacity deemed by the Fire Marshal. Any student who is found selling tickets or in possession of counterfeit tickets will be dismissed from commencement and reported to Student Judicial Affairs. Any guest who is found selling tickets or in possession of counterfeit tickets at commencement will lose their privilege of admittance to the venue.

We ask that all graduates remain seated throughout the duration of the ceremony and that guests do not encourage their graduates to leave prior to the conclusion of the ceremony. We understand that the ceremony can be lengthy, but every single graduate has deserved the right to be celebrated. It is disrespectful to other graduates and their guests, as well as to the staff and University administration who have worked very hard in making commencement a special occasion, to have graduates and their guests leave early.

## STUDENTS & GUESTS – SECURITY

UC Davis makes a special effort to ensure that our commencement is a memorable and enjoyable occasion for everyone involved. Students, parents, faculty and alumni have indicated their wish to have commencement conducted in an appropriately ceremonial atmosphere, and we ask for the cooperation of you and your guests.

- Any person found to be intoxicated or carrying drugs or alcohol will be asked to leave the premises and may be subject to arrest by the police.
- The university reserves the right to refuse admittance to the ceremony and its venues and/or detain individuals if staff and/or security perceive the individual as threatening or causing a disruption to the event or other guests.
Program Booklet Disclaimer
Graduates names will appear in the Commencement Ceremony Program if you meet one or both conditions:
1. You graduated in March 2016 or will graduate in June 2016.
2. You registered to participate in Commencement by the given deadline.

The final list of candidates are compiled from information available to the Office of University Relations and the Office of the University Registrar by the appropriate graduation filing deadlines and the program should not be regarded as conclusive evidence of graduation, honors or academic standing. Degrees will be awarded following certification by the chancellor, Davis Division of the Academic Senate and Office of the University Registrar that all degree requirements have been satisfied.

Disclaimer
In the event that commencement activities have to be cancelled, rescheduled or postponed due to circumstances beyond the university’s control, UC Davis cannot be held responsible for any costs incurred by the said cancellations, rescheduling or postponement.

Congratulations Graduates!

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