Commencement
COVID Mandates for Commencement

Current Students

• Adherence to the University’s protocol for COVID-19 testing
  o Commuter students who do not report to campus regularly, must submit proof of a negative PCR COVID-19 test (not a rapid test) taken no more than three days prior to arriving on campus
  o Any student not testing on campus must submit a negative PCR test (rapid test results will not be accepted)

• Completion of the Campus Shield App
• Masks worn properly at all times
  o Covering mouth and nose
• Physical distancing maintained

Class of 2020, Guests, and Volunteers

• All guests must submit a negative PCR COVID-19 test (not a rapid test) result taken on or after May 2nd, submitted and uploaded by May 6th in the Spring 2021 Commencement Campus Access & Clearance Form
  • Link https://forms.office.com/r/m4txSZghia
  • Account name: covidresults@desu.edu
  • Password: Graduation21$

• A completed vaccine series, does not replace testing for surveillance
• Masks worn properly at all times
  o Covering mouth and nose
• Physical distancing maintained
• Temperatures taken prior to entering the stadium and or courtyard

Everyone is asked to continue monitoring for symptoms after testing up until the day of the event, do not report to campus if you are having symptoms of COVID-19. Any questions contact Campus Health Services at 302-857-6393
TICKETING

1. **How to reserve tickets:** You must complete the Google form to request your tickets which will be sent directly to the guests. Visit [www.desu.edu/commencement](http://www.desu.edu/commencement)

2. **How do I know my tickets were sent and received?**
   All tickets requests will be completed in a 48 hour window (not including weekends). Ticketing office staff will notify graduates (phone call/email) to let them know that tickets have been issued. Ticketing office staff will also be available to help those who may need assistance with website.

3. **Can my ticket request be denied:** Yes, if your ticket was denied you will receive an email and phone call explaining the reason your form was denied:

4. **What can deny my request:**
   - Trying to request more than 2 tickets will be automatically denied, anyone requesting multiple tickets will be flagged.
   - Not completing the form correctly or other errors

5. **When is the last day to request tickets?** Tuesday, May 4, 2021

6. **Can I request more tickets?** Due to COVID-19 restrictions and capacity limits we will NOT be able to honor requests for additional tickets.

7. **How do guest present their ticket(s)?** Guest should print out their ticket or have their ticket pulled up on your phone upon arrival. If ticket does not match the identification of the guests (e.g. driver’s license, passport, government issued ID) they will not be allowed in. Children will not need to present ID but must have a ticket and are counted as a guest.

8. **Can I use the same ticket for multiple guest?** No. Every ticket/guest has a unique ticketing code, once the ticket is scanned it become invalid. Once the ticket is scanned it the system alerts staff that the ticket can no longer be used.
CAMPUS POLICE
What guests need to know about entering campus

• There should be no more than two guests, per car (in addition to the graduate), entering campus. Guests with more passengers in vehicles will not be permitted on campus.

• Guest must show the “Approval Shield” provided by DSU

• Students must show “Campus Shield”

• The Main Gate (on U.S. Rt. 13) will be closed.

• Enter Gate 1 if the student is graduating in the Alumni Stadium

• Enter Gate 2, if the student is graduating at Tubman / Laws Courtyard

• Everyone must provide identification if asked by an officer or staff working with the Police Department
DSU TO HOST MULTIPLE IN-PERSON COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES FOR THE CLASS OF 2020 and 2021

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Note: If you check you transcript and your degree was awarded in AUGUST OF 2020 or DECEMBER 2020 You WILL ATTEND your respective ceremony on May 8 at 9:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m.
THE PROCESSIONAL AT TUBMAN/LAWS COURTYARD

• School of Graduate, Adult and Extended Studies

• College of Agriculture, Science and Technology (CAST)

• College of Health and Behavioral Sciences (CHBS)
THE PROCESSIONAL AT ALUMNI STADIUM CEREMONIES

• College of Humanities, Education and Social Sciences (CHESS)

• College of Business (COB)

• May 2020 Ceremony
We are implementing the following during the 2021 commencement ceremonies:

- Hand sanitizing stations
- Golf carts/shuttle services
- Thermometers (Handheld)
- Complimentary gloves/masks
- Tents
- Portable restroom trailers
- ADA restrooms
- Plexiglas protection on stage
- COVID-19 precautionary measures
- Hand wash stations
- Signage
- On-site custodial and sanitizing services
SEATING AT ALL LOCATIONS

• All Graduates will be seated 6 feet apart from each other

• Each seated group of two guests will be seated together and kept 6 feet apart from other guests

• Chairs cannot be moved and guests should not sit in areas that are marked
REGALIA

- Bookstore opens on Friday, May 7th at 8:30am and on Saturday, May 8th @ 7:45am

- Call the Bookstore @ 302.857.6225 on Friday to see if the additional regalia has arrived in the store

- No shipping due to common carriers have suspended their guarantees

- No assistance in dressing due to 6 feet COVID-19 regulations

- Open for business as usual on Friday and Saturday
Below are some very important dates and deadlines of which you should be aware, in order to receive your final transcript and diploma:

• All academic requirements including transfer credits and CLEP scores must be satisfied and submitted by Wednesday, May 5, 2021.

• Exit Counseling completed as soon as possible at www.studentloans.gov. This information was sent to you via email from the Office of Financial Aid.

• First Destination Survey completed as soon as possible. This information was sent to you via email from the Office of Career Services.

• All financial obligations need to be met by Wednesday, May 5, 2021.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email us at registrar@desu.edu.
THANK YOU AND
CONGRATULATIONS!