

College of Science – Spring 2018 Commencement

Friday, May 11, 2018 at 2:00pm-3:30pm

Frequently Asked Questions

1. How do I RSVP for the ceremony?

Go to <http://cos2.arizona.edu/reg/> and follow the instructions. **PLEASE NOTE:** You may be prompted to fill out the UA Exit survey and RSVP for the University-Wide Commencement before RSVP'ing for the College of Science ceremony. You may want to open the CoS RSVP link above in a second browser window.

2. How do I get tickets? Is there a charge?

No tickets and no charge for guests. Seating is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

3. What departments/majors do you recognize at the College of Science Commencement?

Astronomy, Audiology, Biochemistry, Bioinformatics, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Ecology & Evolutionary Biology, Environmental Hydrology & Water Resources, General Biology, Geosciences, Integrated Science, Mathematics, Molecular & Cellular Biology, Natural Science for Teachers, Neuroscience and Cognitive Science, Physics, Planetary Sciences, Psychological Science, Psychology, Psychology, Speech, Language & Hearing Sciences and other GIDP degrees as well.

4. When do I need to show up at UA McKale Center if I'm graduating?

The ceremony begins at 2:00 P.M. on Friday, May 11, 2018, and graduates will need to check-in at the student registration table to get their name card at least 1 hour prior to the start of the ceremony.

5. How do I know where to sit?

Guests will be seated in the stands. All graduates will be ushered to sit with their departments on the floor of the Arena. If you have a double major, you are welcome to sit with either department you choose.

6. How do we get up on stage to be recognized?

You will be seated by department. An usher will signal your department to line up at the right of the stage. Undergraduates will line up first, followed by Master's students, followed by PhD's. You will hand your card to a person at the top of the ramp, they will hand it back to you, and then you move forward and hand it to the name reader.

7. When can I tell my family/friends to arrive at the UA McKale Center?

Doors will open at 1:00 P.M. for family and guests to find seating.

8. Where do I tell my family/friends to park for the ceremony?

Cherry Street garage is the closest parking garage to McKale Center. This garage will likely fill quickly so allow plenty of time to find parking. You can refer to the visitors parking map for other options near McKale: <https://parking.arizona.edu/parking/maps/>

9. What do I wear?

We encourage you to wear cap and gown, or you can wear business dress. **Graduate students being hooded, must wear cap & gown.** Order your cap and gown from the [UA Bookstore online](http://uabookstore.arizona.edu/events/) or during GRADFEST. <http://uabookstore.arizona.edu/events/>

10. How about confetti, balloons or silly string, etc.?

In consideration of the graduation ceremonies that will follow the College of Science, **absolutely NO BALLOONS, CONFETTI or Silly String of any kind will be permitted at the ceremony.** Students that violate this rule will be asked to leave the ceremony.

11. I saw a photographer taking photos during the ceremony; how can I order them?

When you RSVP, you let us know if you want to be contacted by the photographer:

GradImages Customer Service Department at (800) 261-2576, online at www.gradimages.com or email giservice@gradimages.net. Their customer care representatives will assist graduates and family members with anything they need.

12. I am a graduate student with a mentor who will be hooding me. How does that work?

We reserve seats near the stage for mentors. When we announce your department, your mentor will follow you onto the stage and hood you.

13. Who is the Keynote Speaker?

Bryan Willson, PhD

Executive Director of the Energy Institute

Colorado State University

14. How can I arrange special accommodations for guests or myself?

The stage for commencement is wheelchair accessible and will have two large closed caption screens. Should you need to arrange for disabled guests, visit the UA Disability Resource website for more information: <http://commencement.arizona.edu/disability-related-access>

15. When is the University-wide Graduation ceremony? Friday, May 11, 2018 7:30 P.M. at Arizona Stadium. Visit the Commencement web page at: <http://commencement.arizona.edu>, information is provided, to include details about individual Colleges and their ceremonies.

16. What are the details about the “Clear Bag Policy”?

McKale Center has a clear bag policy limiting the size and type of bags that may be brought in. The following is a list of bags that will be accepted for entry: Bags that are clear plastic or vinyl and do not exceed 12” x 6” x 12”, one-gallon clear plastic freezer bags, small clutch bags, approximately the size of a hand, after being searched. Exceptions will be made for medically necessary items after proper inspection, including but not limited to oxygen tanks, diabetes kits, allergy pens, etc. Prohibited bags include but are not limited to: Purses larger than a clutch, Briefcases, Backpacks, Fanny packs, Diaper bags, Cinch bags, Luggage of any kind, Long golf umbrellas, Cooler bags, Computer bags, Camera bags, Non-approved seat cushions including oversized, having pockets, compartments or covers.