



Welcome, Family and Friends!

Commencement Ceremony Guest Information

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Commencement represents one of your graduate's most memorable life experiences. It is our sincere hope that this information is helpful and ensures that the celebration of this important milestone is just as enjoyable and memorable for you.

James A. Rhodes Arena

Commencement ceremonies will be held at the James A. Rhodes Arena, 373 Carroll Street, Akron, 44325. All guests may enter the Arena through the main doors located along Carroll Street.

Parking

Guests are encouraged to park in the East Campus Parking Deck located at the intersection of Spicer and Carroll Streets. Surface lot parking is also available along Spicer Street.

Ceremony Guest Seating

Graduates will have access to five (5) guest tickets each. Each guest must have a ticket to enter, including infants and children in laps. Guests must plan to arrive and be seated no later than one hour prior to the ceremony. For the comfort and safety of all guests, please plan to remain seated until the conclusion of the commencement ceremony.

Please be aware that all seating in the venue is on stadium seats/bleachers. The bleachers are not padded and do not have seatbacks. Seating is first-come, first-serve.

Accommodations for Guests with Special Needs

Accessible seating will be available for those guests that require it. Information on how to claim accessible guest seating will be provided at the time graduates are able to claim their guest tickets.

Please arrive no later than one hour prior to the ceremony to ensure that your needs are comfortably accommodated. Ushers are available to provide any needed assistance. Wheelchair seating is available. Also, a sign language interpreter signs each ceremony.

Photography

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Professional photographers from GradImages™ take photographs of each degree candidate on stage. Graduates can start planning their commencement photos by checking out the in-demand, instagrammable locations on campus at www.uakron.edu/graduation/photos.

Live Webcast

Plans are being made to allow family and friends to watch the commencement ceremony online. Additional details will be forthcoming.