



One Hundred and Thirty-First Undergraduate Commencement

Bachelor's Degree Candidates

Sunday, May 27, 2001, 10 a.m. - Noon, Warren P. McGuirk Alumni Stadium

Web site: www.umass.edu/commencement

GENERAL INFORMATION

The 2001 Commencement ceremony for bachelor's degree candidates will be held **rain or shine** on **Sunday, May 27, 10 a.m. to noon**, at Warren P. McGuirk Alumni Stadium on the University campus. *The Procession of Degree Candidates will begin at approximately 10 a.m.*

Tickets are not required and there is no limit on the number of guests who may attend. In case of heavy rain, the ceremony will still take place outside but will be shortened to run for approximately one hour. (See also "Guest Seating.")

The speaker and honorary degree recipients will be announced in late April.

INFORMATION FOR SENIORS

Eligibility

A student's year of graduation is established by the Registrar's Office. To be eligible to participate in the May 2001 Commencement ceremony, students must have graduated in February 2001 or be scheduled to graduate in either May or September of 2001. Students scheduled for February 2002 graduation who wish to attend the May 2001 ceremony must file a "Petition to Participate in an Earlier Commencement" form beginning May 4. This form is available at the Registrar's Office, 207 Whitmore. (See also "Program Listings.") Students requesting this will not have their names printed in the program, but they will appear in the official graduating-class list.

Program Listings

Because of publication deadlines, additions to the graduation list made after April 9 will not be included in the program book. Students who have "full" Privacy Requests on file but wish to be listed in the Commencement program book must notify the Dean of Students Office no later than the close of business on April 2 to modify their privacy status. Students who fail to do so will not be listed.

Caps, Gowns, Tassels, and Announcements

Caps, gowns and tassels (all of which have been prepaid by Graduating Fees) and a packet of four commencement announcements may be picked up at the Textbook Annex between May 7 and 25, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Pickup early in May is strongly advised. A student ID card is required to confirm eligibility. On Commencement day, caps and gowns may be obtained inside the main entrance of the Stadium after 8:30 a.m.

Diplomas

Diplomas will be mailed after grades have been received, recorded, and processed by the Registrar's Office and the diplomas have been engrossed, which is usually by late July. Inquiries should be addressed to the Registrar's Office at 207 Whitmore, tel. (413) 545-6296. **Every graduate's current mailing address must be on file with the Registrar's Office.**

Yearbook

Copies of the UMass yearbook, the *Index*, may be ordered no later than May 18 at \$50 per copy. To order, send a check or money order payable to Walsworth Publishing Company, along with the student's name, permanent mailing address, year of graduation, and a daytime telephone number, to: Walsworth Publishing Company, 306 North Kansas Ave, Marceline, MO 64658. Your copy will be mailed in October or November. For additional information, please call (413) 545-0848.

Alumni Association Membership— A Free Gift to Seniors!

Stay connected to UMass via your Alumni Association. All Class of 2001 graduates will receive the first year of membership free. Graduates need only fill out an Alumni Association address update card to activate membership. For more information, contact the Alumni Association at (413) 545-2317 or visit Web site (www.umassalumni.com).

Assembling for the Ceremony

There is no pre-Commencement rehearsal for students. When picking up their caps and gowns, students will receive a handout about the Commencement ceremony. It is very important that students read this in detail. It both updates this brochure and provides information about stadium entry points, assembly areas, gate assignments, seating locations, and related matters. This information will also be published in one of the last issues of the *Collegian* and on our Web site (www.umass.edu/commencement).

Students should arrive at the Stadium, carrying their Commencement caps and gowns, no later than 9:30 a.m., and should follow the posted signs to the area designated for their school or college. At the appropriate time, Commencement Marshals will line up students for the procession and escort them onto the field.

Commencement Ball

The Commencement Ball on Friday, May 25, allows graduating seniors to celebrate their final days at the University in a familiar yet formal setting. The Student Union will be transformed into a formal hall, where guests will enjoy an evening of music, dancing, gourmet foods, and refreshments. There will also be rides around campus in a horse-drawn carriage. Social hour will begin at 7 p.m. There will be music and dancing from 8 p.m. to midnight. Tickets are \$35 each, and advance ticket purchase is required. To order tickets, please call the Alumni Office at (413) 545-2317.

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND OTHER GUESTS

Guest Seating

Tickets are not required, and there is no limit on the number of guests who may attend. Guest seating is unreserved. The Stadium seats approximately 17,000 people and is not covered. Guests should follow weather forecasts and arrive prepared to be shielded from sun or rain.

Lodging

Many area motels, hotels, and bed-and-breakfasts are already booked for Commencement weekend. Rooms will be available in selected University residence halls for parents and other guests on Saturday, May 26. Applications and further information may be obtained from University Conference Services (UCS) at 918 Campus Center (413) 545-2591. Students must pick up an application at the UCS office; applications will not be mailed. Space will be guaranteed if the form is **returned with full payment** by May 4. Rooms are \$52 for double occupancy and \$42 for a single. A linen packet (two sheets and a towel, pillow, pillowcase, and blanket) will be provided. Residence halls are not air-conditioned. There are no private bathrooms, and pets are not allowed.

Flowers and Souvenirs

Fresh-cut roses, bouquets of flowers, and balloons will be on sale both inside and outside the stadium.

Food Services and Snacks

Coffee, bottled water, juices, and breakfast pastries will be available for purchase both inside and outside the stadium.

The Campus Center Coffee Shop will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Following Commencement, a food court at the north end of the Stadium will sell grinders, salad wraps, fruit cups, desserts, and beverages. Further information will be available at the Food Services Web site (www.aux.umass.edu/diningservices) or by calling (413) 545-2472.

The University Club on campus will serve from noon to 4 p.m.; it accepts MasterCard, Visa, Diner's Club, and Carte Blanche. Please call (413) 545-2551 to make reservations as soon as possible, and no later than May 23.

Parking and Shuttle Services

University police and security officers will direct vehicles to designated parking lots. Free shuttle buses will make frequent runs to and from the Stadium. **Note your lot number!**

Public Facilities

Restrooms, public telephones, and first aid services are available at the Stadium. Portable toilets will be set up in campus parking lots.

Commencement Videotape

The full Commencement ceremony will be videotaped. The VHS video will also include scenic views of the campus and the region. To order a copy, please send a check for \$30 with your name and summer mailing address to: UVC-TV 19, 216 Student Union, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003-7310. The videos will be mailed six to eight weeks after Commencement. For further information, please call (413) 545-1283. The University's Union Video Center is producing these videotapes on a nonprofit basis.

Disability Services

Sign-language or oral interpreters are available upon request. Call (413) 545-0892 V/TTY no later than April 27.

A limited amount of wheelchair seating is available on the west side of the Stadium, and is accessible via the ramp at the southwest corner. Individuals with documented disabilities who need handicapped-accessible parking spaces adjacent to the Stadium must call (413) 545-0892 for an application, which must be completed and submitted no later than April 20.

Lift-equipped van and shuttle bus information and/or reservations for service from campus parking lots to the Stadium may be requested by calling (413) 545-2086 V/TTY.

The Office of Disability Services will make every effort to accommodate those with disability needs. For information, please call (413) 545-0892 V/TTY or write to 231 Whitmore Administration Building.

SUMMARY

UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT

Sunday, May 27:

- 9-9:30 a.m. Degree candidates arrive at the Stadium
- 9:30 a.m. Degree candidates assemble by school/college at designated gates, robe, and receive processional instructions from marshals
- 10 a.m. Procession of Degree Candidates
- 10:30 a.m. Ceremony begins
- Noon Ceremony concludes

RELATED EVENTS

Friday, May 25:

- 7 p.m. *Commencement Ball*, Student Union Ballroom, (413) 545-2317

Saturday, May 26:

- 10:30 a.m. *Graduate School Commencement*, Mullins Center, (413) 545-0025
- 2 p.m. *Stockbridge School Commencement*, Stockbridge Hall, (413) 545-2222
- 2:30 p.m. *Phi Beta Kappa Installation*, Campus Center Auditorium, (413) 545-2329
- 3 p.m. *School of Nursing Pinning and Hooding Celebration*, Fine Arts Center, (413) 545-1329
- 5 p.m. *Joint Commissioning Ceremony for Army and Air Force ROTC*, Stockbridge Hall, (413) 545-2321
- 7 p.m. *School of Engineering Commencement Celebration*, Campus Center Auditorium, (413) 545-6390
- 7 p.m. *School of Management Commencement Celebration*, Fine Arts Center, (413) 544-2212

TRAVEL ROUTES

Traffic into the greater Amherst area may be heavy as early as 9 a.m. on the day of the ceremony, so please plan accordingly.

CONSTRUCTION WARNING:

There may be construction on the Coolidge Bridge, between Northampton and Hadley, MA, off Exit 19 of I-91, on Route 9. You may wish to consider other routes to the campus.

To Campus from the South

Via I-91 North, Exit 19 in Northampton. From the exit ramp, turn right onto Route 9 and go approximately 4.5 miles to Route 116 North (left turn at the lights) 1 mile to UMass Exit

Via I-91 North, Exit 24 in Deerfield. (Do not take exits between 19 and 24!) At the stop sign at the top of the ramp turn right/north onto Routes U.S. 5/10/116, and immediately turn right again at the traffic lights onto Route 116 South. Continue 8 miles to the UMass exit.

To Campus from the North

Via I-91 South, Exit 25 in Deerfield. At the end of the ramp turn left and follow the road to the intersection. Turn right onto Routes 5 & 10 South. Go 1 mile, then turn left onto Route 116 South. Follow for 8 miles to the UMass Exit.

Via I-93 South. Follow to I-495 South. Follow to Route 2 West. Continue on Route 2 to U.S. 202 South. Follow for about 15 miles to blinking light at Route 9 and 116 Amherst exit (Pelham). Turn right and follow for 7 miles to Amherst center. Follow signs to UMass.

To Campus via I-90 East or West

Exit 8 (Palmer/Ware). Follow Route 32 South to Palmer, take Route 20 West to Route 181 North into Belchertown, and then Route 9 West to Amherst. Follow signs to UMass.

Exit 7 (Ludlow). Follow Route 21 North to U.S. 202 North to Route 9 West to Amherst center. Follow signs to UMass.

Exit 5 (Chicopee). Follow Route 33 North to Route 116 North to Amherst center. Turn left at the light into Route 9 West. Follow signs to UMass.

Exit 4 (W. Springfield). I-91 North to exit 19 to Route 9 East to Amherst (see I-91 North above).

For additional information:

Academic status/eligibility	(413) 545-0555
Caps and gowns	(413) 545-3570
Commencement Coordinator	(413) 577-1101
Diplomas	(413) 545-6296
Disability Services	(413) 545-0892
Food Services	(413) 545-2472
Lodging (on campus)	(413) 545-2591
Other (University Switchboard)	(413) 545-0111

UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS PROHIBIT THE USE OF ALCOHOL AT THE STADIUM. THIS POLICY WILL BE ENFORCED. YOUR COOPERATION IS APPRECIATED.

GRADUATES' SEATING PLAN

Graduates will be seated by school and college. Information about entrance gates and seating locations will be distributed with caps and gowns.



