



Spring 2024 Commencement Information for Prospective Graduates

Commencement Ceremony – Stocker Stadium – 8:00am and 11:30am

Go to coloradomesa.edu/commencement to determine your ceremony.

Ceremonies are divided by degrees and/or majors.

Online streaming of the ceremony will be at CMUMavericks.com/ty or Facebook Live.

Ceremony Timeline & Details for Graduates

7:15 am / 10:45 am – Arrival and Processional line up

Graduates enter through the main entrance to Stocker Stadium dressed in regalia with name card in hand. Follow the signs to the processional group listed on the bottom right of the name card and sit in the corresponding section of the baseball stands. The processional groups are as follows:

Group A: Doctorate, Master's, and Graduate Certificate students; Baccalaureate students graduating with a 4.00 cumulative GPA in CMU coursework; students earning Departmental Honors, Singers performing in the ceremony and student speaker(s); and students with disability accommodations.

Group B: Baccalaureate students (excluding those in Group A).

Group C: All Associate and Certificate students.

Tassels start on the right side of the cap and remain until the end of the ceremony when graduates are guided to move the tassel to the left.

7:30 AM / 11:00 AM Line up within each Processional Group

Colorado Mesa University faculty/staff will assist graduates in lining up in two single-file lines about 30 minutes prior to the ceremony. There is not an assigned order within the processional group, but graduates will be seated next to others in the same line. As rows of seats in the Stadium fill, groups of friends may be split between two rows.

8:00 AM / 11:30 AM Ceremony Begins – Processional

Faculty will lead the processional followed by the students. The Commencement Marshals will help seat students by rows. Do not leave any open chairs to ensure there is enough seating for all graduates. Remain standing until directed to sit.

During Ceremony – Walking Across Stage and Name Announcement

The announcer will direct the Commencement Marshals to start leading graduates to the stage, beginning at the back row and working forward. Bring your name card and leave all other personal items. Stay in the same seating order while walking to the stage.

Prior to walking across the stage, photographers will scan the name card barcode and take a photo. On stage, hand the name card to the announcer. Graduates may write their name phonetically or whisper it to the reader. As the graduate's name is read, proceed to the center of the stage to accept a diploma cover from the President and shake his hand. The professional photographer will take a second photo. Exit the stage on the opposite side and return to your seat with the assistance of the ushers. Students graduating with a Masters degree will have a third photo taken after being hooded and exiting the stage.

Accommodations

Graduates needing disability accommodations may contact Erin Rooks at erooks@coloradomesa.edu or 970-248-1853 prior to May 15th. If you are using a wheelchair, walker, crutches, etc., please let us know so we may plan for ceremony and facility accessibility.

Parking

Please reference the parking and traffic flow map on the commencement website. Guests and ceremony participants are strongly encouraged to park in the Lincoln Park main lot. Parking will also be available in all Colorado Mesa University parking lots free of charge in appreciation of our graduates and their supporters. Please be courteous of surrounding neighbors and businesses, whose parking lots are reserved for normal business traffic.

For those attending the 8am ceremony, please make post-ceremony arrangements to leave the parking lot by 10:15am to avoid congestion of those arriving at 10:30am for the second ceremony.

Caps, Gowns, Tassels and Other Regalia

Cap and Gown pickup

University Center, Maverick Store west entrance
Wednesday, May 8th 10:00am – 4:00pm
Thursday, May 9th 10:00am – 4:00pm

Students needing to purchase replacement cap, gowns, or tassels on commencement morning may do so at the Maverick Store sales area by the main entrance of Stocker Stadium. Graduates keep their regalia and tassels.

For questions related to cap, gown, stole of gratitude, or announcements, etc. please contact the Colorado Mesa University Maverick Store at 970-248-1422 or themaverickstore.com.

Honors Cords and Name Cards

Students who did not pick up their honors cords or name card during the distribution days below may do so at the Registrar's Office in Lowell Heiny Hall May 10th - 17th or upon arrival at the ceremony on May 18th at a table near the processional staging area. See Commencement website for honors eligibility.

Name Cards and Honors Cords Pickup

University Center, at a table near the Maverick Store west entrance
Wednesday, May 8th 8:30am – 4:30pm
Thursday, May 9th 10:00am – 2:00pm

Professional Photographs

A representative from MJ Thomas Photography will take two pictures of each graduate: one prior to walking across the stage and one as graduates receive their diploma cover from the President. MJ Thomas Photography will provide graduates with color proofs. Order photos online at mjthomasphoto.com or by calling 1-800-219-0199.

Receipt of Diploma

Diplomas are not issued during the ceremony. They will be mailed to each graduate approximately eight to twelve weeks after the conferral date that corresponds with the semester in which all degree requirements are completed. After the Registrar's Office reviews final requirements and grades, degrees will be awarded. This process takes six to eight weeks. To see if your degree was awarded during that time, check your unofficial transcript through MAVzone. Once awarded, you can use your official transcript as proof of your degree.

Registrar's Office

The Registrar's Office Staff will be available the morning of the commencement ceremony in the staging area to answer any last minute questions. The Registrar's Office is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and can be contacted at 970-248-1555 or stop by Lowell Heiny Hall 449.

Registrar's Office
970.248.1555
registrar@coloradomesa.edu

Find the most up-to-date commencement information at
coloradomesa.edu/commencement