



Spring 2023 Commencement Information for Prospective Graduates

Commencement Ceremony – Stocker Stadium

Online streaming of the ceremony will be at <https://rmanetwork.com/cmumavs/>

8:00 am Ceremony

Students arrive at 7:15 am

Art & Design, Biology, Business, Languages, Literature and Mass Communication, Liberal Arts (University and General Studies), Music, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Teacher Education, Theatre Arts

11:30 am Ceremony

Students arrive at 10:45 am

Computer Science, Construction Management, and Engineering, CMU-CU Engineering, Health Sciences, Kinesiology, Mathematics and Statistics, Physical and Environmental Sciences, Western Colorado Community College

Ceremony Timeline & Details for Graduates

7:15 am / 10:45 am – Ceremony processional line up

Graduates should arrive dressed in their regalia. Bring the name card you received at cap/gown pickup, it will be used to announce your name as you walk across the stage. Go to the pre-ceremony staging area using the walkway along the outfield fence of Suplizio Field baseball stadium from the main parking lot. Follow the directional signs to the north baseball stands.

Check your name card for your assigned processional group on the bottom right section of your name card. Follow the signs to your processional group and sit in that section of the baseball stands. The 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 special needs or accommodations.

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

Group C: All Associate and Certificate students.

For those that didn't pick up their name card, it can be picked up at a table by the north baseball stands. If you lost your tassel or cap and want to repurchase, stop by the Maverick Store table by the main entrance of Stoker Stadium.

Line up within each Processional Group

Colorado Mesa University faculty/staff will assist graduates in lining up into two lines within the processional groups about 30 minutes prior to the ceremony. There is not an assigned order within the processional group. If you would like to try to sit by your friends, make sure they are in the same line either in front or behind you. When you are seated in the ceremony, please be aware that your group of friends may be split between two rows if a row fills.

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

Faculty will lead the processional followed by the students. The Commencement Marshals will help you get seated in rows. Do not leave any vacant chairs in your row to ensure there is enough seating for all graduates. When you get to your chair, 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. The Commencement Marshal will start at the back row and work forward. Bring your name card with you and leave all other your personal items at your seat. Stay in your same seating order as you go to the stage.

Prior to walking across the stage, photographers will scan your barcode on your name card and take a picture. As you arrive on stage, hand your name card to the announcer. If your name is difficult, you may whisper to the reader. Walk to the President. Reach out and hold the diploma cover up with your left hand, reach out with your right hand underneath the cover to shake the President's hand. Look at the camera and smile for the professional photographer. After exiting the stage, proceed back to your seat.

Special Needs

Any graduate participating in the ceremony who will need special accommodations, please contact Erin Rooks at erooks@coloradomesa.edu or 970-248-1853 prior to May 15th. Those with special needs typically sit at the front of the graduates. If you are in a wheel chair, using crutches, etc., please let us know so we can plan appropriately.

Parking

Guests and ceremony participants are strongly encouraged to park in the Lincoln Park main lot. Drive into the parking area from 12th street. Parking will also be available in all Colorado Mesa University parking lots free of charge. Although parking is available on surrounding streets and businesses, please utilize the free parking on campus as a note of appreciation for you and as a courtesy to our neighbors. Local businesses will be open on commencement day and parking in their lots is reserved for normal business traffic.

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

Cap, Gown, and Tassel Replacement

Students still 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 Stoker Stadium.

Graduates keep their regalia and tassels. Tassels should start on the right side of the cap and remain so until after the graduates walk across the stage when they will be lead to move them to the left side of the cap.

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 <https://www.themaverickstore.com/>.

Honors Cords and Name Cards

Students who have not picked-up their honors cord or name card may do so at the Registrar's Office prior to the day of the ceremony. On the ceremony morning, visit the Registrar's table at near the north baseball stadium processional area.

To be eligible for Honors Cords you must meet the following criteria:

1. Currently have a Colorado Mesa University GPA of 3.50 or higher
2. Earning a baccalaureate or associate degree
3. Finishing your requirements by the end of the Spring semester

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 you receive your diploma cover from the President. MJ Thomas Photography will provide graduates with color proofs, which graduates can order online at mjthomasphoto.com or at 1-800-219-0199.

Receipt of Diploma

Diplomas will be mailed to each graduate within twelve weeks after the graduation 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 in the computer system. This process takes eight to ten 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. For further questions, the Registrar's Office will be 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