



University of Dayton School of Law *Graduation 2022* Frequently Asked Questions

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When and where will the Baccalaureate Prayer Service be held?

The service will be held on **Friday, May 6, 2022 at 12:00pm in the Keller Hall Courtroom** for graduates and their families. Your guests may go to the guard station just across from Keller Hall to obtain a temporary parking pass for the afternoon.

When will the commencement ceremonies take place?

Saturday, May 7, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

Where will commencement be held?

The University of Dayton Arena.

Will the ceremony be livestreamed?

Yes, the ceremony will be livestreamed from the UD website and also our YouTube channel:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qK_aXCnK8zs

Do my family and guests need tickets?

No. There are plenty of seats in the arena.

Are masks required during the commencement ceremony?

As of April 18, 2022, masks are optional.

When will I get my honors and/or pro bono cord?

Honors and pro bono cords are distributed with your regalia. If you submit your pro bono hours after gown pick up, you can pick up the cords in the Career Services Office. They will also be available at UD Arena prior to the start of the ceremony.

Do not forget to bring your cord with you to the ceremony!

Remember: Final honors will **not** be announced during the graduation ceremonies. However, an announcement of tentative honors based on your cumulative grade point average at the end of the Fall 2021 Semester will be mentioned if you have achieved a cumulative grade point average which places you in the top 12% of the class. Tentative honors are announced for ceremonial purposes only and must not be included in resumes, or otherwise treated as official. Final honors will be announced and posted on the website by mid-June. The appropriate notation will be on your diploma. Final honors will be awarded as follows:

Top 2% Summa Cum Laude
Next 3% Magna Cum Laude
Next 7% Cum Laude

Can I wear extra cords or items during the ceremony?

No, caps and gowns may not be altered in any way. Academic regalia that may be worn at graduation includes caps, gowns, and only those honor cords, pro bono cords or LLM/MSL sashes that are distributed to you by the law school.

When must graduates be at the Arena?

Graduates are expected to be at the Arena and in line **no later than 8:15 a.m.!!!** Doors will open for graduates and their families at 8:00 a.m.

Where should I park?

Graduates, their families, and friends should enter in Gate B and park in the Arena Parking Lot, which is adjacent to the building.

Is handicapped parking available?

Yes. There are many slots adjacent to the Arena.

Is handicapped seating available?

Yes. If a member of your party has special needs, please contact Jessica Ledbetter at ledbetterj1@udayton.edu.

The arena staff will be available to assist with special seating requests as well.

Where do I go when I arrive at the Arena?

There will be staff members directing the students where to go and line up. Do not worry! Someone will be there to guide you! Please leave your valuables (purses, cameras, etc.) with a friend or family member.

NO STOPPING FOR PHOTOS DURING THE WALK TO THE FLOOR!!!

What should I wear under my gown?

Something light & cool as the Arena does not have A/C.

On what side do I place my tassel?

Place it on the **right side**. Dean Strauss will announce when everyone should switch it to the left side.

Are there photography services during the ceremony?

Yes, GradImages will be near the stage taking pictures as you get your diplomas.

How long will the ceremony last?

Typically, the ceremony lasts under 90 minutes.

After the ceremony, will there be time to take photographs?

No. Due to the Arena hosting another Commencement following ours, we ask that you depart from the Arena **as soon as possible**. Your regalia are yours to keep, so photographs can also be taken at the reception at Keller Hall. The Courtroom will be open to anyone who wishes to have a photo taken there.

Where will the graduation reception take place?

The Atrium of Keller Hall.

May I bring guests to the reception?

Yes, your guests will have the opportunity to meet Dayton Law faculty, staff, fellow students, and all the new grads!

Where can we park for the reception?

You and your guests may park in any **single letter lot** near the school (**A, B, P, or S1**).

When will I receive my diploma?

You will **not** receive your diploma during the commencement ceremony.

DIPLOMAS WILL BE MAILED WITHIN EIGHT TO NINE WEEKS FOLLOWING GRADUATION.