University of Dayton School of Law
Graduation 2024
Frequently Asked Questions
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FAILURE TO FOLLOW GRADUATION PROTOCOL OR EXHIBITION OF ANY BEHAVIOR DEEMED INAPPROPRIATE MAY RESULT IN THE REMOVAL OF THE CANDIDATE FROM THE ARENA AND THE WITHHOLDING OF THEIR DIPLOMA.

When will the commencement ceremonies take place?
Saturday, May 4, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. (please arrive by 8a.m.)

Where will commencement be held?
The University of Dayton Arena
1801 S. Edwin C. Moses Blvd.
Dayton, OH 45417

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.

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 LL.M. sashes that are distributed to you by the law school. This is a UDLSL and University of Dayton policy.

If I'm being commissioned in the United States Armed Services, can I wear my uniform in place of a cap & gown?
Yes. Any graduates who are being commissioned in the United States Armed Services may wear their uniform in place of a cap and gown.

Do my family and guests need tickets?
No. There is plenty of seating in the arena.

Will the ceremony be live streamed for friends and family who cannot attend to watch?
Yes. A link to the livestream video will be available closer to the ceremony date.
Where should I park?
Graduates, their families and friends should enter through Gate B and park in Lot A, which is on the south side of the building.

Is handicap parking available?
Yes. There are many spots adjacent to the Arena.

Is handicap seating available?
Yes. If you or a member of your party has special needs, please contact Alison Nelson at anelson2@udayton.edu. The arena staff will be available to assist with special seating requests as well.

I have a service dog. Can I bring it to the graduation ceremony?
The University of Dayton supports the use of service dog and service dog in training during commencement at the Arena. The dog shall be under the control of the owner or handler and cannot block aisles during commencement. If you plan to bring a service dog or service dog in training, please contact Alison Nelson at anelson2@udayton.edu and we will work directly with you.

Where do I go when I arrive at the Arena?
There will be staff members directing the students where to go to 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.

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

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 up to April 15th at 4:00 p.m.

Do not forget to bring your cord with you to the ceremony!
Tentative honors, based on your cumulative grade point average from the Fall semester, 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:

- 3.80 GPA and above: Summa Cum Laude
- 3.60-3.79 GPA: Magna Cum Laude
- 3.30-3.59: Cum Laude

When will regalia be distributed?
TBD

What should I wear under my gown?
Something light & cool. High heels are not recommended, because graduates will be walking down the area stairs and may lose their balance and fall. FYI: The Arena has A/C.

On what side do I place my tassel?
Place it on the right side. The Dean 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 is 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.

My Intent to Graduate status in Porches is listed as “No form was submitted”, but I submitted my form to the UDSL Dean’s office in the fall. Am I still able to graduate in May?
The University of Dayton Law School does not use Porches to note the status of students' Intent to Graduate. Students should have completed a Google form in the fall with the needed information for graduation. Contact the Registrar’s Office if you need clarification.

**Where will the graduation reception take place?**
There will be a reception immediately following Commencement in 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).

**What size are the diplomas?**
Official diplomas are 12” by 15”.

**Where can I order official UD diploma frames?**
Visit [https://udbookstore.universityframes.com/](https://udbookstore.universityframes.com/) to see all of the frame options offered by the UD bookstore. To make sure the frame size is correct, choose your frame type by clicking on “Customize”> Select any of the customizable options you would like under “Summary”> Click on the pencil next to “Document Size”> On the right side of the page, click the dropdown arrow titled “Select your document size”> Choose “Fit Diploma Size: 12 height x 15 width”> Click on the “Apply” button. You can customize other aspects of your diploma frame on the website, but the size of the diploma must be set to 12” x 15” in order to fit the UDSL diploma.

**When will I receive my diploma?**
You will not receive your official diploma during the commencement ceremony. **DIPLOMAS WILL BE MAILED TO THE ADDRESS YOU SUBMITTED ON YOUR ‘INTENT TO GRADUATE’ FORM WITHIN EIGHT TO NINE WEEKS FOLLOWING GRADUATION.**

To get a better idea of what to expect at the Commencement Ceremony, you can watch the 2023 ceremony on YouTube at: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gdzPBfU2TA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gdzPBfU2TA)

If you have any additional questions, please contact Alison Nelson at anelson2@udayton.edu.