



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 8:00 a.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.

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!**Where do I go to order my regalia?**

Regalia orders are placed through Jostens. The deadline for graduates to order regalia was February 1st. If you did not place your order by February 1st, you are not able to order regalia or participate in the graduation ceremony.

When is the deadline to order my regalia?

The deadline for graduates to order their regalia was February 1st. The regalia ordering website is now closed. Graduates cannot participate in the graduation ceremony without the proper regalia.

When will regalia be distributed?

Regalia pick up will be Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., April 8th - April 19th in the Career Services Office. Graduates will NOT be able to pick up their regalia the day prior to graduation or at the arena the day of graduation.

Can I get my regalia shipped to my home?

Yes! Graduates can have their regalia shipped directly to their homes. However, the graduate is responsible for the shipping costs. *UDSL is not responsible for any shipping delays or product damage.*

HYBRID/ONLINE STUDENTS ONLY: If you do not wish to have your regalia shipped to your home and are unable to pick up your regalia during the allotted times, contact your program director.

When will I get my academic honors, pro bono and/or professionalism cord? (JD STUDENTS ONLY)

Academic Honors, pro bono and professionalism cords for JD students are distributed with your regalia. If you submit your pro bono hours after gown pick up, you can pick up the cord in the Career Services Office up to April 19th at 4:30 p.m.

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

Tentative honors for JD students, 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 for JD students 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

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 UDSL 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.

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. GradImages will send graduates a link to order pictures 5-10 days after the graduation ceremony.

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 School Law 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/> 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 10 TO 11 WEEKS AFTER FINAL GRADES HAVE BEEN POSTED.

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=gdzPBftU2TA>

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