



Commencement Promise

Commencement is a formal academic ceremony, and as such, all participants and guests are expected to demonstrate courtesies and behaviors befitting the dignity of the occasion. We will ask students to acknowledge this promise when registering for the ceremony.

While participating in Commencement, I agree that I will:

- Refrain from arriving to the arena under the influence of drugs, alcohol, or other substances.
- Be respectful to all Commencement speakers, administration, faculty, staff, event volunteers, and fellow graduates.
- Refrain from engaging in distracting behaviors (e.g., excessive celebration, inappropriately-timed shouting, elaborate physical movements, etc.) during any portion of the ceremony.
- Refrain from using my phone or any other electronic device during the ceremony.
- Remain seated in my chair unless instructed otherwise.

A student is subject to be pulled out of line at any point during the ceremony if the student is found to be in violation of the Commencement Promise and/or engages in any behaviors that are deemed inappropriate and are not consonant with the formal tone befitting of an academic ceremony.

For more information on policies for graduates, please visit [Ceremony Information](#).