



# UCLA MIMG Departmental Commencement

## Ceremony Information

Sunday, June 16, 2024 | 1:00 PM | Drake Stadium



Congratulations, Class of 2024! We are so proud of you and this accomplishment!

**Please make sure you read through this document** as it has important information and resources regarding the MIMG Commencement Ceremony.

## **BEFORE THE CEREMONY**

### **TICKETING**

**Tickets must have already been ordered by the graduate.** Tickets can be printed or saved digitally\*.

\*We recommend pre-downloading digital tickets to avoid any wifi/connectivity issues. Any screenshots should be large & high-quality to be used by the ticket scanner.

**Graduates and guests must each separately have access to their tickets upon entry.** Graduates and guests enter Drake Stadium separately, so it is important that everyone has their own ticket.

**Students, make sure to give the guest tickets to your guests ahead of time!**

**Tickets will not be sold at the ceremony and those without a ticket will not be allowed to enter Drake Stadium.** Note: We cannot scan tickets in advance for another party arriving at a later time; if one guest will have all the guest tickets, they must make sure they wait to enter with all of the other guests.

### **CEREMONY DECORUM**

Commencement is a celebratory and dignified occasion. All graduates are expected to demonstrate True Bruin values before, during and after the ceremony. At this event, graduates must abide by the [UCLA Student Conduct Code](#).

(Pending cases over the summer may impact closure of accounts and receipt of the diploma.)

### **WHAT TO BRING**

- Graduates should arrive wearing their cap and gown to the ceremony.
- A digital or printed copy of your own ticket. *Both guests & graduates must have their own copies of the tickets upon entrance.*
- A charged smartphone (*to view our digital, paperless Ceremony Program and to view maps or communicate with guests or graduates as needed*).
- Recommended:
  - Sun protection: SPF, sunglasses, and/or hats.
  - Unopened, clear, plastic water bottles.

## STUDENT ASSEMBLY

**Graduates** should please arrive between **11:30 AM-12:00 PM** (1.5-1 hour before the ceremony). Please make sure to **wear your cap and gown to the ceremony**. Please bring safety pins and/or bobby pins for your cap and gown just in case!

At the Registration Table, graduates will check in and receive a GradImages card for the photographer and a Name-reading card for the ceremony readers (which will include your name and phonetic pronunciation). Please follow instructions for the card upon check in.

\*No rehearsal will be held. After graduates are seated, they will be instructed on how to line up for processional during the ceremony by commencement volunteers.

## GUESTS' ARRIVAL

**Guests** can enter Drake Stadium between **12:00 PM-1:00 PM** (up to 1 hour before the ceremony).

Traffic will be heavy and parking will be difficult. We advise guests to be on campus more than one hour before your event's start time.

## PARKING

We recommend parking in **lots 7, 4, 8, and 2**.

- Students and guests attending 2024 Commencement ceremonies are able to purchase a parking permit online, anonymously, and in advance through the Bruin ePermit Event Parking portal beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- To avoid long lines at the self-service pay stations on campus, it is recommended to purchase your parking permit in advance of attending the Commencement ceremonies.

To learn more about commencement parking, please visit [UCLA's Commencement Parking Website](#).

## ENTRANCE LOCATIONS

We will have signage around Drake Stadium to guide graduates and guests to the designated entrance.

The main entrance will be to the east of Drake Stadium, between the Intramural Fields & the John Wooden center. **Please see the image at the bottom of the document for a visual guide.**

## DURING THE CEREMONY

### SEATING

**Graduate seating:** Graduates will sit in the first few rows of designated bleacher sections of Drake Stadium, which have been reserved for the graduating class.

**Guest seating:** Guests will sit in designated sections of the bleachers at Drake Stadium.

For guests with physical accessibility needs, we will have a designated row in front of the bleachers with chairs available. Please contact [undergrad@microbio.ucla.edu](mailto:undergrad@microbio.ucla.edu) for any accessibility needs or accommodations.

### ORDER OF CEREMONY

There will be remarks from our program Chair, our Student Speaker, a Faculty Speaker, recognition of graduate candidates, recognition of Departmental Honors, and a processional across the stage.

**Graduates:** For the processional, you will walk across the stage while your name is ready by an MIMG faculty member. You will receive a ceremonial diploma from our Chair. Instead of shaking their hand, simply take the diploma and then return to your seat for the remainder of the ceremony. Please only get up when a staff member tells your row to stand.

### PHOTOS

You are welcome to take pictures from your seats, your family members and guests as well. GradImages, our official photographer for graduation, will be present at our Commencement to take pictures of the ceremony and each graduate. **If you [register](#) before the ceremony, you can receive 20% any pictures you order.**

## POLICIES AND PRECAUTIONS

Although UCLA does not anticipate any security problems during Commencement, we will monitor all events to protect the safety and security of our guests. Please observe the following restrictions for all Commencement activities on the UCLA Campus.

**\*These policies are subject to change without notice.**

### POLICIES

- **Tickets are required for entry.**
- All bags must abide by the clear bag policy.
- All bags will be subject to a visual inspection by security personnel.

### SECURITY RESTRICTIONS

- No strollers
- No scooters, skateboards, skates, and bicycles
- No firearms, knives, explosives, or other weapons
- All Commencement venues have the authority to prohibit any other items deemed to be a security risk. Patrons will not be allowed to bring those items inside the event venues.

### DRAKE STADIUM BAG POLICY

- Must be clear plastic, vinyl, or PVC and smaller than 12 inches by 12 inches by 6 inches
- One gallon clear plastic freezer bag (ie. Ziploc)
- Small clutch bag 4.5 inches by 6.5 inches or smaller (with or without handle or strap)- can be carried alone or within plastic bag
- Diaper bags allowed if infant is present
- No backpacks

### PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Bags, backpacks, or purses that do not adhere to the Drake Stadium Bag Policy (above)
- No animals – except service animals required for a disability
- No boxes or wrapped packages of any size
- No promotional items with commercial slogans or identification
- No balloons
- No noise makers – including thunder sticks, musical instruments, whistles, air horns, boom boxes, and megaphones
- No balls, toys, or sports equipment
- No banners, signs, or flags
- No laser pointers

- No poles or sticks – including selfie sticks
- No monopods or tripods
- No glass, metal, or hard plastic containers of any size
- No beverages – except water in a sealed, clear container
- No hard- or soft-sided coolers of any size
- No food – except in cases of medical need, as certified by a physician
- No alcoholic beverages

## **AFTER THE CEREMONY**

### **FAMILY MEETING LOCATION**

Please choose a meeting location for you to reunite with your guests after the ceremony — it's best if this location is away from the Drake Stadium area because of the crowds that are expected.

### **DIPLOMA**

Your diploma will not be handed to you at the celebration but will be available from the Registrar's Office a few months after you graduate from UCLA. You can learn more about receiving your diploma here: <https://registrar.ucla.edu/student-records/diplomas/diploma-availability-and-release>

## **ACCESSING THE CEREMONY**

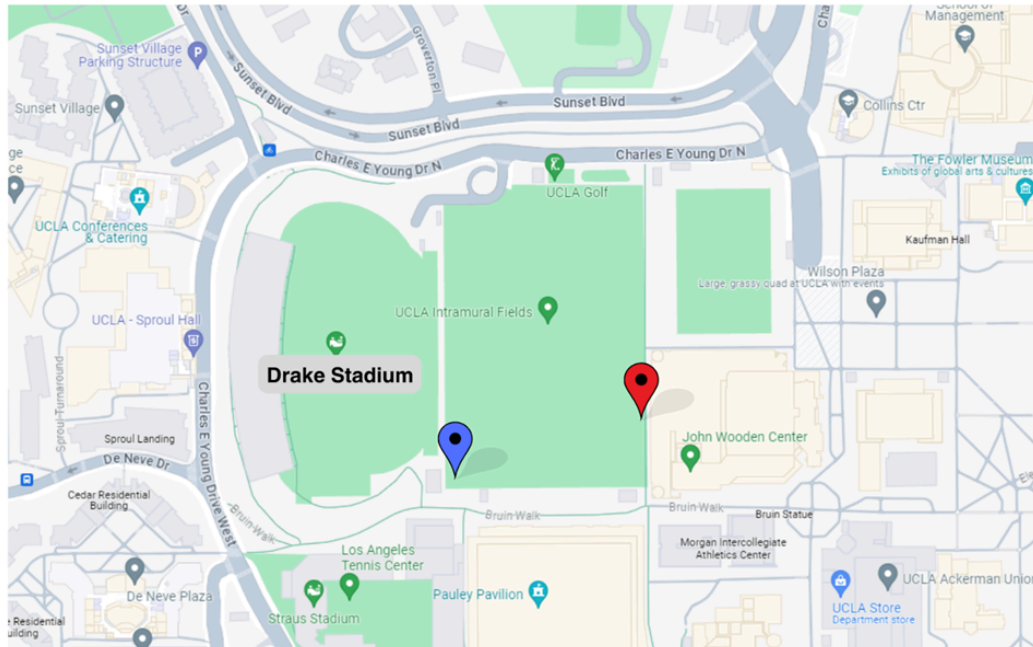
### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

If you have a disability, or you are inviting a guest who needs extra assistance to attend commencement, please call the [Office for Students with Disabilities](#) at (310) 825-1501 (voice), or (310) 206-6083 (TDD) ASAP to receive information about parking and other assistance at Commencement.

Students who have family members and guests who require wheelchair seating are encouraged to arrive early and will be directed to the ADA section of the Stadium. Please note that ADA sections are limited.

For the MIMG ceremony, if you will need help accessing the stage, please let us know (undergrad@microbio.ucla.edu) know as soon as possible, so we can work with the venue to accommodate you.

## MIMG GRADUATION AT DRAKE STADIUM- ENTRANCE MAP:



**MIMG Departmental Commencement  
Ceremony Map**  
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