



## Commencement 2022 | Frequently Asked Questions

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### How many guests can come?

6 guests per graduate. If more seats are needed, please request on the RSVP form. We must remain under 1,000 total attendees or vaccination and negative testing requirements would be triggered.

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### When is commencement?

Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Graduates must arrive by 10:00 AM to participate in the rehearsal.

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### Which years are eligible to walk in the commencement ceremony?

Graduates from Summer 2019- Spring 2022 may participate in commencement.

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### What are the COVID restrictions in place?

As of this date (3/10/22), face coverings are required inside the convention Center. However, conditions are dynamic. You will be notified in advance of Santa Clara County Covid restrictions.

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### Where will Commencement be held?

Santa Clara Convention Center in the Mission City Ballroom

5001 Great America Pkwy, Santa Clara, CA 95054

<https://www.santaclara.org/convention-center/overview/>

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### Can current students attend the ceremony?

Yes, current students may attend as guests. RSVPs are required. Please follow the link *here* to RSVP. (LINK)

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**When does the event start?**

The event will run from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Graduates must arrive by 10:00 AM.

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**When do graduates need to arrive?**

Graduates must arrive by 10:00am at the latest.

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**Will there be a practice session for graduates?**

Yes, at 10:00 AM

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**Where do we get a cap and gown?**

Cap and gown are ordered through the Registrar's Office during the graduation application process. They can be picked up on campus in the Registrar's Office prior to the event, or can be picked up at 10:00 AM at the Convention Center on the day of the ceremony. Please note that gowns picked up at the Convention Center will likely be wrinkled. Graduates are **STRONGLY** encouraged to pick up the regalia early so that they may press them beforehand.

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**Do I have to pay for Commencement?**

If your \$100 payment was received as part of your graduation application process, you're all set. If not, please contact the registrar at [registraroffice@usv.edu](mailto:registraroffice@usv.edu) to pay the \$100 Graduation fee.

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**Where is parking?**

Free parking is available on the top deck of the Convention Center parking lot behind the building. Enter the parking structure from the entrance on Great America Parkway between the Convention Center and the Hyatt Regency Hotel. From the entrance, follow signs to the Mission City Ballroom (on the first floor).

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**Will this event be recorded or streamed?**

Yes, the event will be live streamed on Vimeo. See our website on the day of the event for details.