Academic Considerations

Participation in the ceremony is for Spring 2018 graduating seniors only.

“Walking” policy: students who want to walk but haven’t completed their degree requirements must submit a request to Debbie Lissenden via email to dwl15@psu.edu. Students must be within six (6) credits of degree requirements.

Refer seniors who missed the intent to graduate deadline (1/22/18) to the Records Office in 202 Business Building.

Diplomas will be mailed to the student's home address after the ceremony.

Name changes can be processed through the Registrar’s website by submitting a Name Change Form.

Parking, Tickets, Entrance to BJC

Parking: ADA parking for guests with disabilities is available at Lot 44 and Stadium West. For details, please refer to “Information for Guests with Disabilities” at http://commencement.psu.edu/

Tickets are not required for guests. Seating is available on a first come, first served basis. The ceremony lasts approximately 2 hours.

Doors to the BJC open at 7:30 am for guests. Students may enter the event floor at 8:00 am.

Academic regalia (or military uniform) is required; available for purchase at the Penn State bookstore.

Communications

Senior Mailing: approximately one month prior to commencement, information will be mailed to the home address of students who have applied to graduate. Students with international home addresses will not receive a packet in the mail; identical information is available in the “Get Ready to Graduate” packet. Students should make sure their home mailing address is correct in LionPATH.

“Get Ready to Graduate!” Students must pick up their nomenclature card, which serves as their “pass” to the event floor, on April 9, 10, 11, 12 in the atrium of the Business Building between 9:00 am and 4:30 pm. Duplicates will be available prior to the ceremony at the BJC, if necessary. Students must bring a photo ID!

Related Events

Sapphire Graduation & Pinning Ceremony: Thursday, May 3, Business Building Atrium, 6:00 pm.
Smeal Schreyer Scholars Dinner: Wednesday, April 11, Nittany Lion Inn
Schreyer Medals Ceremony: Friday, May 4, Eisenhower Auditorium, 5:00 pm.
MAcc Recognition: Sunday, May 6, Beaver Stadium Mount Nittany Club, approximately 12:00 pm.

Helpful websites:
http://commencement.psu.edu/
http://ugstudents.smeal.psu.edu/academics-advising/commencement