

Texas Southern University Spring 2022 Commencement Ceremony

Commencement vs Graduation

Applying for graduation is required whether or not you attend the commencement ceremony. Participation in the commencement ceremony does not imply that you have officially graduated.

- **Graduation** is the completion of all degree requirements as recorded on the official transcript.
 - **Commencement** is the ceremony that celebrates the completion of a degree.
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Q: When is the Commencement Ceremony?

A: Spring 2022 Commencement Ceremonies to be held **Saturday, May 14, 2022**, at the Health and Physical Education Arena. We will hold two (2) commencement ceremonies, the first to be held at 8:30 AM and the second at 12:30 PM.

Ceremony breakdown:

Ceremony #1:

Candidate Check-In Time:	7:00 AM
Candidate Check-In Location:	Fairchild Building
Commencement Ceremony #1 Time:	8:30 - 10:30 AM
Ceremony #1 Location:	Health and Physical Education Arena
Ceremony #1 School/College Participants:	Jesse H. Jones School of Business
	College of Liberal Arts and Behavioral Sciences
	Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs
	Thurgood Marshall School of Law

Ceremony #2:

Candidate Check-In Time:	11:00 AM
Candidate Check-In Location:	Fairchild Building
Commencement Ceremony #2 Time:	12:30 - 2:30 PM
Ceremony #2 Location:	Health and Physical Education Arena
Ceremony #2 School/College Participants:	School of Communication
	College of Education
	College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
	College of Science, Engineering, and Technology

Q: Where do I find information pertaining to Graduation on the TSU website?

A: Please check the TSU commencement website (<http://www.tsu.edu/commencement/>) and check back often as information is subject to change.

Q: Where can I send email about graduation if I have questions?

A: tsu_graduation@tsu.edu

Q: Where do we sign-up to participate in the Spring 2022 Commencement Ceremony?

A: All Spring 2022 Commencement Ceremony participants must have applied to graduate first before they will be allowed to participate in the Commencement Ceremony.

- If you met the Spring 2022 application deadline and are on-track to graduate you have automatically been added to the Commencement Ceremony reservation system (Marching Order). Check your TSU email for details on how to RSVP. If you have NOT submitted your graduation application online, meet with your academic department ASAP to find out your options as you will not be able to attend the Commencement Ceremony without first applying to graduate.

Q: If we attend in-person graduation do we have to wear a face covering?

A: Wearing a face covering is encouraged.

Q: Where do commencement participants (graduation candidates) check-in for the in-person Commencement Ceremony?

A: All commencement participants must check-in at the Fairchild Building (located across from the Recreation Center).

Q: What do we wear to the Commencement Ceremony?

A: Regalia details can be found at the [Information for Graduates](#) website. Participants will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony without the appropriate academic commencement attire.

- Participants should wear comfortable, professional dress attire under their gown, along with comfortable shoes, (*no flip-flops, please*).

Q: Where can students purchase a cap and gown?

A: Regalia details can be found at the [Information for Graduates](#) website. If you need assistance with placing your order, please contact the University Bookstore at (713) 313-7030.

Q: I tried contacting all my advisors on my graduation application whether I am approved and on-track to graduate, when will we know for sure if we are approved?

A: Please contact the Dean of the Academic Department

Q: How many guests can you invite to the Commencement Ceremony?

A: Each graduation candidate and commencement ceremony participant will issued eight (8) tickets for guests. You MUST register through the *Marching Order* website to be issued your commencement tickets. If you were invited to the Commencement Ceremony, you should have received an email to your TSU account from *Marching Order*.

Q: Can I get more than the 8 tickets allotted to me?

A: If extra tickets are available, you will be notified via email through your TSU email address, please check it frequently.

Q: Are there any extra steps in this process for veteran students?

A: Please reach out to the Veterans Affairs office for specific questions,
<http://www.tsu.edu/students-services/departments/veterans-affairs/index.html>.

Q: I have 2 classes left to complete my degree may I participate in the Commencement Ceremony?

A: A graduation candidate who is within six hours of completing their **graduate** degree and will complete their degree requirements at the end of the Summer term (August) will be allowed to attend the Commencement Ceremony; however, you must have a graduation application on file. To check your graduation eligibility, please reach out to your academic advisor or Dean of your College or School.

Q: I am an undergraduate student with 6 hours or less to graduate, may I participate in the Commencement Ceremony?

A: **Undergraduate** students must be enrolled in the last hours (courses) required to earn the degree to participate during the May or December exercises. Undergraduate students completing all requirements in August of an academic year will participate in the December exercise.

Q: How do we setup an exit interview with financial aid.

A: <https://app.timetrade.com/tc/login.do?url=tsu>

Q: Do you need to do the exit if you don't have any financial aid?

A: No. If you did not receive financial aid while attending TSU, you will not need to complete exit counseling.

Q: When will I receive my diploma?

A: Diplomas may take up to 8 weeks to process and finalize after your degree has been certified.

Q: Will I pick up my diploma in person or receive by mail?

A: You will receive an email with instructions giving you the option to pick up in person or receive by mail.

Q: What if I have a hold on my account? Will I receive my diploma?

A: Your holds must be cleared before your diploma will be released.

Q: Where can I get Official Transcripts?

A: Please visit <http://www.tsu.edu/registrar/transcript-request.html> for more information and to submit an order. We do recommend electronic transcript orders only, as mail orders may be delayed.

Please direct all questions regarding graduation status to your assigned Department, Major Academic Advisor, or Chairperson.