

Graduation

Q: When is graduation?

A:

Saturday, December 11, 2021 – 9:30 AM Ceremony

College of Education

Candidates Arrival Time & Location	8:00 am Fairchild Building
Commencement Ceremony Time	9:30 am – 11:30 am

Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs

Candidates Arrival Time & Location	8:00 am Fairchild Building
Commencement Ceremony Time	9:30 am – 11:30 am

Jesse H. Jones School of Business

Candidates Arrival Time & Location	8:00 am Fairchild Building
Commencement Ceremony Time	9:30 am – 11:30 am

School of Communication

Candidates Arrival Time & Location	8:00 am Fairchild Building
Commencement Ceremony Time	9:30 am – 11:30 am

Thurgood Marshall School of Law

Candidates Arrival Time & Location	8:00 am Fairchild Building
Commencement Ceremony Time	9:30 am – 11:30 am

Saturday, December 11, 2021 – 12:30 PM Ceremony

College of Liberal Arts and Behavioral Sciences

Candidates Arrival Time & Location	11:00 am Fairchild Building
Commencement Ceremony Time	12:30 pm – 2:30 pm

College of Science, Engineering, and Technology

Candidates Arrival Time & Location	11:00 am Fairchild Building
Commencement Ceremony Time	12:30 pm – 2:30 pm

College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences

Candidates Arrival Time & Location	11:00 am Fairchild Building
Commencement Ceremony Time	12:30 pm – 2:30 pm

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

A: Please check the TSU website and check back often as information is subject to change.

[Home \(tsu.edu\)](http://tsu.edu)

Q: Where do we sign up to participate in graduation (virtual or in-person)

A: All commencement participants (In-Person or Virtual) must register using their TSU Email Address through this link <https://tsu.marchingorder.com/#/> Be prepared to upload the required photo and receive **a Registration Confirmation, RSVP, and other** graduation updates.

Q: Will I still receive information pertaining to graduation/commencement if I applied for graduation, but did not confirm my application via MYTSU?

A: Yes, information is being updated regularly and updates will be sent as any changes are made.

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

A: It is encouraged.

Q: Where do we check in for in-person graduation?

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

Q: What do we wear to the Commencement Ceremony?

A:

- Participants are required to wear black Academic Regalia (gown) and Black Cap with a Tassel.
- 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: What if we only plan to attend virtually?

A: Participants must upload a photo when they register for graduation.

Q: Where can students purchase a cap and gown?

A: Bookstore <http://www.herffjones.com/college/tsu>

Academic Regalia Set, Invitations, and Class Ring are available for purchase at <http://www.herffjones.com/college/tsu>. All residential shipping orders are free. If you need assistance with placing your order, please contact the University Bookstore at 713.313.7030.

Q: Can I still apply for graduation?

A: Reach out to your Academic Advisor or College Dean for your major.

Q: I tried contacting all my advisors on my graduation form to determine whether I am approved. When will we know for sure if we are approved?

A: Please contact the Dean of the Academic Department, to ensure graduation application has been approved.

Q: I have to pay my fee since I received all my signatures. Who do I reach out to pay that?

A: Please contact student accounting SAmail@tsu.edu to make any payments.

Q: How many guests can you invite to ceremony?

A: 8 tickets per student

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

A: If students are in need of additional guest tickets some may be available on a first come first serve basis. Up to 2 additional tickets will be available until they are gone.

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 graduation ceremony?

A: A graduate student who is within six hours of completing their graduate degree ***and*** will complete their degree may attend the graduation ceremony. The current policy is intended for graduate students only, not undergraduate.

Financial Aid

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, send an email to Karessa.Shaw@tsu.edu and she will provide you with a Financial Aid signature clearance email for your graduation application.

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

For questions regarding commencement information, please call 713-313-7458 or email graduation_info@tsu.edu

Q: When will I receive my diploma?

A: Diplomas may take up to 8 weeks to process and finalize.

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, due to the coronavirus regulations, as mail orders may be delayed.

Q: What if I earned academic cords or stoles or honors, can I wear them to graduation?

A: Yes, you have earned those honors, wear them proudly. Please contact your Academic Advisor for details.