

Spring 2023 Commencement

Q: When is graduation?

A: Saturday May 13, 2023. (9:30 am)

Saturday, May 13, 2023 – 9:30 AM Ceremony

Candidates Arrival Time & Location

7:45 am Fairchild Building

Commencement Ceremony Time

9:30 am – 12:00 pm

College of Education

College of Liberal Arts and Behavioral Sciences

College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences

College of Science, Engineering, and Technology

College of Transdisciplinary Studies

Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs

Jesse H. Jones School of Business

School of Communication

Thurgood Marshall School of Law

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 \(tsu.edu\)](https://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 complete the requested information for **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: no, but 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: Where can students purchase a cap and gown?

A: In the bookstore or online <https://colleges.herffjones.com/college/tsu/>

Orders can also be placed for invitations, Class rings & Stoles. Online order with Herff Jones will include a shipping charge. If you need, please contact the bookstore 713-313-7030.

Q: Can I still apply for graduation, the application deadline was February 17th?

A: Reach out to your Academic Advisor for your major if you have questions.

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 your advisor or Academic Department, to ensure graduation application has been approved.

Q: Where do I pay my graduation fee?

A: You can login to your MyTSU web portal, and click 'Student', then click 'Student Accounting'. You can then select 'Online Billing and Payment Suite and select the line item for the Graduation application fee.

Q: How many guests can you invite to ceremony?

A: 6 tickets per student

Q: Can I get more than the 6 tickets allotted to me?

A: An email will be sent if additional tickets are available. Do not send in ticket requests at this time as none are available.

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**.

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

For questions regarding commencement information, please call 713-313-7071 or email tsu_graduation@tsu.edu

Q: When will I receive my diploma?

A: Diplomas may take up to 8 weeks to process and finalize after all degrees have been conferred.

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.

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.