

Commencement FAQ's

Am I required to attend Commencement?

Attendance at Commencement is not mandatory. We do, strongly encourage prospective graduates to attend. Commencement is a wonderful way for the college to recognize your achievements and allow you, your family, and your friends to share in your celebration.

Is there a Commencement Ceremony rehearsal?

No, there is no Commencement Ceremony rehearsal.

Do my family/friends need tickets?

Guests are limited to five people per graduate. Tickets will be distributed to graduates before the ceremony. Seating is first-come, first-seated for all guests.

What time do graduates need to arrive and check in?

All students MUST arrive no later than 15 minutes before the start of the ceremony. Students will be directed to the check-in area upon arrival at the WSCO Arts and Sciences Building in room 138.

Must I wear a cap and gown (regalia)?

Yes, participation in the Commencement ceremony requires the college's cap and gown regalia. Check your email for information on ordering your regalia.

What do I wear under my cap and gown (regalia)?

You should wear comfortable but appropriate attire and comfortable shoes.

Where do I get my cap and gown regalia?

Caps, and gowns may be purchased online. Extra caps and gowns will not be available at the ceremony. Honor and Veteran cords will be distributed to eligible students at check-in. Phi Theta Kappa students may order their stoles and tassels through the Phi Theta Kappa website at ptk.org.

How long does the Commencement Ceremony last?

The ceremony lasts approximately one hour, depending on the number of graduates who participate.

Where can I park for commencement?

A variety of parking options are available on the WSCO College campus.

Are there special accommodations provided for guests?

All guests and/or graduates with limited mobility or special needs should arrive early to the ceremony, and we will do our best to accommodate your needs.

Will I have my photograph taken by an official, professional photographer at the ceremony?

No. Washington State will be taking photographs for the college website, however, there is no guarantee that each graduate will be photographed. A designated photo area for guests will be available at Commencement.

When do I get my diploma?

Graduates will receive their diplomas via the U.S. Post mail approximately 2-4 weeks after the end of the semester.

If you have any questions regarding graduation or commencement, please call the Records Office at (740) 568-1904 or email recordsoffice@wscc.edu.