



# Park University December 2021 Commencement Frequently Asked Questions

## **What is the deadline to apply to participate in the Kansas City Area Commencement Ceremony?**

Graduates must submit an [Application for Diploma and Commencement Ceremony](#) indicating intent to participate in the December 11, 2021, ceremony, and pay the graduation fee by Friday, October 15 in order to participate in the ceremony.

## **How and when will I know how many guests I can bring?**

The number of guest tickets for each December 2021 Commencement participant will be determined by the number of paid applications received by close of business on Friday, October 15, 2021. Students who submit their [Application for Diploma](#), select December 11, 2021, as their ceremony and pay the associated fee by October 15 will be eligible to participate and receive guest tickets. Ticketing information is available at [park.edu/commencement](http://park.edu/commencement). As you invite family members and friends, please keep this seating limitation in mind.

## **How do I reserve tickets?**

Commencement participants are responsible for reserving tickets. *An admission ticket will be required for all guests. No exceptions.* Admission tickets are not automatically added to your account — you must request them through the [Fall 2021 Kansas City Area Commencement Ticket Reservation](#) system.

Any guest who does not receive a ticket to Commencement is welcome to watch via the live video stream at [park.edu/commencement](http://park.edu/commencement).

*Important note:* So we can best accommodate all guests who wish to attend the ceremony, we ask that Commencement participants only request the number of tickets they will need.

## **How and when will I receive my tickets?**

Ticket distribution planning is still underway. Ticket reservation information is available at [park.edu/commencement](http://park.edu/commencement). Please check your student e-mail and the webpage frequently for updates.

## **Is there seating for graduates and/or guests who have a disability?**

Yes. Please contact Michelle Forrest, executive assistant to the provost, for special accommodations at [michelle.forrest@park.edu](mailto:michelle.forrest@park.edu) or (816) 584.6357.

## **Is there reserved seating?**

No.

**Will professional photographs be available and how do I order them?**

Yes. GradImages will take professional photos before and during the ceremony that participants are invited to order. Proofs will be sent to participants in the days following the ceremony.

**Will the ceremony be livestreamed and/or recorded?**

Yes. Information and the link will be provided at <https://www.park.edu/about-park/commencement/> when known so you can share with family and friends.

**How do I order announcements, rings, diploma frames, etc.?**

Visit [http://colleges.herffjones.com/college/\\_park/](http://colleges.herffjones.com/college/_park/)

**When will I get my cap and gown?**

The Registrar's Office Commencement team will order caps and gowns Friday, September 17, through Friday, October 22, 2021, for students who select the December 11, 2021, ceremony. Your cap and gown will be sent to the address indicated on your [Application for Diploma](#). If this is not the best address for that purpose, please e-mail [commencement@park.edu](mailto:commencement@park.edu) as soon as possible.

**When can I expect to get my diploma/certificate and where will it be mailed?**

Electronic diplomas/certificates will be sent to the student's Park University e-mail account four (4) weeks after degrees have been conferred.\* *Electronic diplomas/certificates will not be sent to students with absolute holds on their accounts.*

Physical diplomas/certificates will be sent to the address indicated on the [Application for Diploma](#) eight (8) weeks after degrees have been conferred.\* *Physical diplomas/certificates will not be sent to students with absolute holds on their accounts.*

Once a student has resolved their hold(s), they will need to contact the Registrar's Office at [registrar@park.edu](mailto:registrar@park.edu) or (816) 584-6275 to begin a review for release of diploma/certificate.

Students must have completed a paid [Application for Diploma and Commencement Ceremony](#) prior to the last day of their final term to be reviewed for degree completion and receive electronic and physical diplomas/certificates.

*\* Final grades are due to be submitted by faculty to the Registrar's Office by 11:59 p.m. (Central time) the Tuesday after the last day of classes (for the December 2021 ceremony, that date is Tuesday, December 14). Once this date passes, it takes the Registrar's Office approximately five-to-seven (5-7) business days to process all pending [Application for Diploma and Commencement Ceremony](#) forms for that term. Degrees will be conferred for those that qualify at the end of the 5-7 business days.*