

Commencement Information for Families & Friends of Graduates

To commence is "to begin," or "to start." At the end of their college journey, our students begin a new chapter of their lives, as education citizens who will protect our democracy and offer creative solutions to local, state, national and global problems.

Commencement is arguably the most exciting time of the academic year, if not of a student's entire college journey. The Commencement ceremony celebrates the achievements of Truman State University students and honors the accomplishments of distinguished speakers and guests. Here are a few items that might be helpful as you plan your trip to Kirksville!

Schedule of the Day

Morning Ceremony (9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.)

8:00 Graduation Candidates should be arriving in the Small Gym in Pershing Arena. Family and friends may start arriving at Pershing Arena. The doors will be unlocked promptly at 8:30 and there will be staff handing out programs.

8:30 Faculty arrive and rank is closed by the Grand Marshal

8:50 The Processional begins moving towards Pershing Arena

8:55 The Processional enters Pershing Arena

9:00 Commencement Ceremony

Reception immediately following in SUB HUB

Afternoon Ceremony 1 (1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

12:00 Graduation Candidates should be arriving in the Small Gym in Pershing Arena. Family and friends may start arriving at Pershing Arena. The doors will be unlocked promptly at 12:00 and there will be staff handing out programs.

12:30 Faculty arrive and rank is closed by the Grand Marshal

12:50 The Processional begins moving towards Pershing Arena

12:55 The Processional enters Pershing Arena

1:00 Commencement Ceremony

Reception immediately following in SUB HUB

Afternoon Ceremony 1 (4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.)

- 3:00 Graduation Candidates should be arriving in the Small Gym in Pershing Arena. Family and friends may start arriving at Pershing Arena. There will be staff handing out programs.
- 3:30 Faculty arrive and rank is closed by the Grand Marshal
- 3:50 The Processional begins moving towards Pershing Arena
- 3:55 The Processional enters Pershing Arena
- 4:00 Commencement Ceremony

Reception immediately following in SUB HUB

We ask that everyone stand as the graduates enter the arena! Our faculty will form two lines and greet the students as they enter the staging area. Once the faculty has moved to their seats, the President will begin the ceremony. When the ceremony has concluded, we ask that everyone remains in their seats until the students have exited the arena.

Accommodations

Brashear House Bed & Breakfast	(660) 627-0378
Budget Host Village Inn	(660) 665-3722
Days Inn	(660) 665-8244
Depot Inns and Suites (La Plata)	(660) 332-4669
Holiday Inn Express	(660) 627-1100
Knights Inn	(660) 665-8352
Super 8	(660) 665-8826
Quality Inn	(660) 665-2205

For accommodations outside of the Kirksville area, please use this link for more information.
<http://www.visitkirksville.com/stay/#hotels-motels>

Dining Out

Visit <http://www.visitkirksville.com/eat/> on the official Kirksville website for a list of the restaurants and diners in the Kirksville and surrounding areas.

Useful Websites

<u>Kirksville Chamber of Commerce</u>	http://www.kirksvillechamber.com/
<u>Visit Kirksville</u>	http://www.visitkirksville.com/
<u>Truman Bookstore</u>	http://www.bkstr.com/trumanstatestore/home/en?cm_mmc=Redirect-VanityURL- -truman.bkstr.com- -213405

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