

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 educated 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

9:30	Family and friends may start arriving at Pershing Arena. The doors will be unlocked promptly at 9:30 and there will be staff handing out programs.
10:00	Graduation Candidates should be arriving in the Small Gym in Pershing Arena.
10:30	Faculty arrive and rank is closed by the Grand Marshal
10:50	The Processional begins moving towards Pershing Arena
10:55	The Processional enters Pershing Arena
11:00	Commencement Ceremony
1ish	Reception for everyone in the 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
Hampton Inn	(660) 956-4686
Holiday Inn Express & Suites	(660) 956-4682
Knights Inn	(660) 665-8352
Quality Inn	(660) 665-2205
Super 8	(660) 665-8826
University Inn & Suites	(660) 627-1100

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

Kirksville Chamber of Commerce

<http://www.kirksvillechamber.com/>

Visit Kirksville

<http://www.visitkirksville.com/>

Truman Bookstore

http://www.bkstr.com/trumanstatestore/home/en?cm_mmc=Redirect-VanityURL-truman.bkstr.com-213405