

## **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.

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. The information below might be helpful as you plan your trip to Kirksville!

Each candidate has been assigned to a specific ceremony to attend based on their first degree program as of March 22<sup>nd</sup>. You should verify with your graduate as to which ceremony they were assigned to. The ceremony assignments and links to the live streams and Facebook event are:

### **Friday, May 7, 2021, Commencement Ceremonies**

**Location: Pershing Arena** – Degree candidates will enter Pershing Building through the north entrance, closest to East Patterson St.; Guests must enter Pershing Building through the main entrance on the west side or the main entrance on the east side. You must properly wear a mask and present your ceremony specific ticket to enter.

**Ceremony 1 Time: 11:00 a.m.:** <https://youtu.be/cG9FP7xtZZ8> for All Undergraduate Accounting, Agricultural Science, Art, Art History, Biology and Design degree program candidates **ONLY**

**Ceremony 2 Time: 2:30 p.m.:** <https://youtu.be/S1dkjJZczUA> for All Undergraduate Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, Business Administration, Chemistry, Classics, and Communication degree program candidates **ONLY**

**Ceremony 3 Time: 6:00 p.m.:** <https://youtu.be/6Q9HyHeIVdI> for All Undergraduate Exercise Science, French, German, Health Science, and History degree program candidates **ONLY**

### **Saturday, May 8, 2021, Commencement Ceremonies**

**Location: Pershing Arena** – Degree candidates will enter Pershing Building through the north entrance, closest to East Patterson St.; Guests must enter Pershing Building through the main entrance on the west side or the main entrance on the east side. You must properly wear a mask and present your ceremony specific ticket to enter.

**Ceremony 1 Time: 9:30 a.m.:** <https://youtu.be/bae1z6KjUxI> for All Undergraduate Interdisciplinary Studies, Justice Systems, Liberal Studies, Linguistics, Mathematics, Modern Language, Music, Nursing, and Philosophy & Religion degree program candidates **ONLY**

**Ceremony 2 Time: 1:00 p.m.:** <https://youtu.be/uUajelcIByg> for All Undergraduate Communication Disorders, Computer Science, Creative Writing, Economics, and English degree program candidates **ONLY**

**Ceremony 3 Time: 4:00 p.m.:** <https://youtu.be/ONrp1PtO60g> for All Undergraduate Physics, Political Science, Political Science & International Relations, Psychology, Russian, Sociology/Anthropology, Spanish, Statistics, and Theatre degree program candidates AND Commissioned Officers **ONLY**

**Ceremony 4 Time: 7:30 p.m.:** <https://youtu.be/HuOsRNBXtuQ> for All Master degree program candidates **ONLY**

The Facebook event for all ceremonies can be found at the following link: <https://fb.me/e/213bJuNIM>.

## **Schedule of the Ceremonies**

Doors open for guests, 30 minutes prior to each ceremony and will be locked once the ceremony starts

Each ceremony will follow the same schedule. For illustrative purposes, the Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup> 11:00am ceremony's schedule is shown below and may be used as an example for all ceremonies.

- 10:00am      (*1 hr. prior*) Degree candidates may start arriving at Pershing Building
- 10:30am      (*30 min. prior*) Guests may start arriving at Pershing Building and enter through either the main west or east entrance doors. Ceremony specific tickets and properly worn masks are required for entry.
- 10:45am      (*15 min. prior*) All candidates should be present. North doors are locked.
- 11:00am      (*Ceremony start time*) Commencement ceremony begins (entrance doors are locked); estimated duration: 1½ hrs.
- 12:30pm      (*Approximately 1½ hr. after start*) Commencement ceremony ends. Family and friends are requested to exit bleachers and building once all candidates have recessed out of the arena.
- 12:30pm      Cleaning of the arena and other Commencement spaces begins immediately following ceremony end in preparation for the next ceremony.

We ask that everyone stand as the Processional begins. When the ceremony has concluded, we ask that everyone remain at their seats until the graduates have exited the arena. Once the graduates have exited, guests are asked to exit and meet their graduate(s) outside of the Building. Please do not congregate inside of Pershing Building.

## **Commencement Social Wall – messages to graduates**

If you would like to send your graduate congratulations and well wishes and have it displayed in the Arena on the Commencement Social Wall before and after the ceremonies, you can do so by using #TrumanGrad on Twitter and Instagram. Messages can also be viewed here: <https://social.truman.edu/commencement-social-wall/>

## **Lodging Accommodations**

For lodging accommodations, please use the link:

<http://www.visitkirkville.com/stay/#hotels-motels>

## **Useful Websites:**

Kirkville Chamber of Commerce

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

Visit Kirkville

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

Truman Bookstore [http://www.bkstr.com/trumanstatestore/home/en?cm\\_mmc=Redirect-VanityURL- -truman.bkstr.com- -213405](http://www.bkstr.com/trumanstatestore/home/en?cm_mmc=Redirect-VanityURL- -truman.bkstr.com- -213405)