

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, family, and friends to share in your celebration.

Is there a Commencement Ceremony rehearsal?

If you plan to participate in the Commencement Ceremony, you must attend the mandatory rehearsal.

Do my family/friends need tickets?

Guests are not required to have tickets. 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 45 minutes before the start of the ceremony. Students will be directed to the check-in area upon arrival at the Dyson Baudo Recreation Center, located on the Marietta College campus.

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 reserving and picking up 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, gowns, and announcements can be purchased through Barnes and Noble on campus. 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 Marietta College campus. Please check the map of designated parking.

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 Community College will be taking photographs for the college website, however there is no guarantee that each graduate will be photographed. A designated photo area for family will be available at Commencement.

When do I get my diploma?

Graduates will receive their diplomas on stage during the Commencement Ceremony. Graduates not in attendance 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.