Commencement Activities

Friday, May 8
- Army ROTC Commissioning Ceremony
- TBD Falk Theater
- Interfaith Graduation Service
- TBD Sykes Chapel
- Graduation Dessert Reception
- TBD Vaughn Center

Hooding Ceremonies
Please see the complete list of all Master Degree hooding ceremonies at www.ut.edu/hoodingceremonies

Saturday, May 9
10 a.m. to 6 p.m. UT Bookstore Open
8:45 a.m. All graduates assemble in cap and gowns for the morning ceremony processional.
1:15 p.m. All graduates assemble in cap and gowns for the afternoon ceremony processional.
9:30 a.m. Commencement will begin

Date: Saturday, May 9, 2020
Time: 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.
Place: Florida State Fairgrounds Expo Hall

Guests
The doors to the Florida State Fairgrounds Expo Hall will open for seating at 8:00 a.m. for the morning ceremony and 12:30 p.m. for the afternoon ceremony. No tickets are required: there is plenty of seating for everyone. Concession stands will be open food and beverages.

Hotel Accommodations
The host hotels for the May 9, 2020, Commencement are the Embassy Suites by Hilton Tampa Downtown Convention Center and Tampa Marriott Waterside Hotel & Marina. Families and guests are urged to make reservations as soon as possible. Please identify yourself as an attendee of the UT Spring Commencement 2020. Reservation requests received after the cut-off date will be based on availability at the hotel's prevailing rates. Contact Embassy Suites by Hilton Tampa Downtown Convention Center at (813) 769-8300 by April 2, 2020 or until the group block is sold out, whichever comes first. Contact the Tampa Marriott Waterside Hotel & Marina at (888) 789-3090 by April 9, 2020 or until the group block is sold out, whichever is first.

Directions and Parking
The Florida State Fairgrounds is located at 4800 U.S. Highway 301 North in Tampa. From the University, travel on I-275 North toward I-4/Orlando and merge onto I-4 East via Exit 45B. Take Exit #7 (U.S. Hwy. 301 South) and stay in the right lane heading south for 1/4 mile. Turn right into the Fairgrounds entrance. Do NOT go past the light at MLK, Jr. Blvd.

**Please note that there is no fee for parking**

***Please take proper precautions for Tampa traffic.***

Etiquette
During the reading of graduate names we ask guests to be considerate in their applause and celebration so that all names are heard clearly. We also ask that if you decide to attend the commencement ceremony, please remain in your seat for the entire event. We know that it is a long ceremony (approximately 2 hours), but please afford every other student and family the same respect and honor that you deserve.

Guests with Disabilities
Guests in wheelchairs will be directed towards accessible seating upon entrance. Because seating in these areas is limited, only one individual may sit with the guest who has special needs. Your cooperation is required in order to accommodate all of our guests. These seats are not reserved.

Congratulations Class of 2020!