



Dear Graduate:

Ottawa University is proud to host its 160th Anniversary Commencement Ceremony in honor of your graduation.

Saturday, May 11, 2024
10:30 AM Ceremony
Ottawa University, Faith Arena
14470 W. Tierra Buena Lane, Surprise, Arizona 85374-7465

ALL GRADUATES ARE TO ARRIVE BY 9:30 am: Graduates who arrive later than 10 am will risk their opportunity to participate in the ceremony.

9:00 am Check-in **Faith Arena**

- Pick-up medallions & honor cords
- (Please note: honor cords apply only to qualifying bachelor's students as per the office of the Register)

10:30 am Ceremony **in Faith Arena**

12:00 pm Reception **on Spirit Field Patio**

Once you've arrived on campus, please look for directional signs guiding you to the appropriate location. Please do not bring any personal belongings (i.e., purse, hanger, tumblers, etc.) with you since you will not be carrying these items when you walk across the stage. You may want to leave these items with friends/family. You can bring a plastic bottle of water that you can throw away.

Please note: No pets are allowed on school grounds.

GRADUATE STUDENTS: All Master's Degree graduates receive a 'hood' for the Ceremony. Please do not wear your hood; the hood is an ornamental draping that will be placed on the shoulders of each master's degree graduate by a University administrator during the commencement ceremony. Your hood is included in the cap and gown package. Directions on carrying the hood will be provided when you check in.

INVITE FAMILY & FRIENDS:

Family and Friends are encouraged to celebrate this momentous event with you. The ceremony is not ticketed, and seating is first come first served. Reserving seats will not be permitted.

****Please inform all guests that no balloons or flowers in water are permitted in the ceremony.**

PHOTOGRAPHS:

A photographer will take photographs at the base of the stage during the ceremony when each graduate shakes hands with the President. Another photographer will be by the steps coming downstage for a second photo. A week after graduation, all graduation photos will be posted to flickr.com/OUAZ. Students may view and download their photos for FREE (Courtesy of our Alumni Department).

Please contact Yselda Castillo at 623-233-7548 or email yselda.castillo@ottawa.edu for assistance or additional information regarding Commencement.

Congratulations on your Achievement!