

# Ottawa University

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## Ottawa Campus Commencement Booklet—2020



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Dear OU Senior, Parent(s), Family and Friends,

Congratulations on achieving this lifetime milestone! Soon you will be joining a distinguished group of global citizens as only 6.7% of the world population has successfully completed a university degree. This will be Ottawa University's 155th anniversary commencement and I am looking forward to seeing you and your family on campus.

The Commencement ceremony is scheduled for May 2, 2020. It's time to begin making plans for that very special day/weekend, and in preparation this booklet includes pertinent information to assist with our planning.

As you can imagine, seating at such events is always a challenge, and so to accommodate family and guests, each graduate will be allocated four (4) tickets for admission to the ceremony. The ceremony will also be broadcasted live in multiple on-campus locations.

Within this booklet, is the schedule of events, as well as important information concerning the Commencement process, including notes on Regalia, lodging and more.

We want to express a heartfelt thanks to our graduates family and friends for their ongoing support and encouragement. Family and friends have sustained generations of OU students for more than 155 years. Thank you for continuing the tradition and go Braves!

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, May 2, 2020.



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## Schedule of Events

### 155th Anniversary Commencement

Friday, May 1, 2020

#### 5:00 p.m. — Demonstration Rehearsal

*Graduates will be given brief instructions regarding the Commencement Ceremony.*

Location: Fredrikson Chapel

#### 5:30 p.m. — Ticket Pick-Up

*Immediately following rehearsal, graduates may pick up their commencement tickets. Student ID is required.*

Location: Fredrikson Chapel, Narthex

### Building Hours

Braves Fan Shop  
Hours

8:30 a.m. —  
5:00 p.m.

Campus Building  
Hours  
See posted hours on  
individual buildings  
that weekend

Saturday, May 2, 2020

#### 9:30 a.m. — Doors Open for Seating

Location: Fredrikson Chapel

#### 10:00 a.m. — Assemble for Processional

*Graduates assemble in Gangwish Library for the Commencement processional.*

Location: Gangwish Library; in the case of rain, meet in the Fredrikson Chapel, education wing

#### 10:30 a.m. — 155th Anniversary Commencement

Location: Fredrikson Chapel

#### 12:00 — 2:00 p.m. — Lunch Reception

*This is open to graduates, parents, faculty, staff, and alumni.*

Location: Gangwish Library, Schendel Conference Center



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## Tickets and Viewing Information

Admission to Ottawa University's 2020 Commencement Ceremony at OUKS in Ottawa, Kansas, requires tickets. Each graduate will receive four (4) tickets for family and guests to attend the Commencement Ceremony inside the Fredrikson Chapel.

While there is limited seating available within the Fredrikson Chapel, a designated livestream location will be in Fredrikson Chapel, Room 102. A secondary location, that will provide a more family friendly viewing area is located in the Gangwish Library, Schendel Conference Center.

### Ticket Pick-up Information

The graduate will need to be the individual picking up the tickets for admission from the designated location. Student I.D. is required for pick-up.

Tickets will be available for pick-up on Friday, May 1, 2020, immediately following rehearsal, in the Chapel, Narthex. Exceptions may be arranged by contacting Julie Wilson at 785-248-2570.

### Livestream Viewing Locations

Livestream viewing of commencement will be in the Fredrikson Chapel, Room 102 and Gangwish Library, Schendel Conference Center. You may check online at [www.ottawa.edu/commencement](http://www.ottawa.edu/commencement) for updates or the link to share with guests unable to attend the ceremony.

## Photographs

Kramer Photos is the official photographer for Commencement. Photos may be ordered online and a link will be added to the website once available. Proofs will be sent to the address on file following Commencement and a display of offerings will be located in the Chapel Narthex prior to the ceremony. If you have questions, you may contact Kramer Photos directly at [kramerphotos1@yahoo.com](mailto:kramerphotos1@yahoo.com) or visit their website at [www.kramerphotos.com](http://www.kramerphotos.com)

## Graduation Announcements

### Ordering

Orders can be placed through the Gangwish Library, Braves Fan Shop. Announcements may also be purchased by calling 800-433-0296 or online at ([www.cbgrad.balfour.com](http://www.cbgrad.balfour.com)). To order online, select the campus and graduation time.

## Class Rings

If you are interested in ordering a class ring, you will find a wide variety of options by visiting [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com).

## Questions

**Julie Wilson**

Commencement  
Coordinator

785-248-2570

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## Cap and Gown

### Pick-up

Graduates who did not get their gowns at Grad Fair, may pick up their caps and gowns in the Gangwish Library, Braves Fan Shop.

### Preparation of Gown

Gowns are packaged in plastic bags and should be removed and hung to allow the wrinkles to come out. You may find it helpful to hang it in the bathroom area to allow steam from a hot shower to help pull out wrinkles, or you may choose to steam them. Due to the gown material, a hot iron should **NOT** be used to remove wrinkles.

### Student Commencement Regalia

Adornments, paraphernalia, messaging, or any other additions to commencement regalia issued to students specifically for this ceremony are **NOT** allowed unless specific prior approval is received from the University Registrar. Any approved additions to commencement regalia must be academic in nature, which includes appropriate cultural identification or accents that are historical in nature (tradition, academic honorary, heritage, etc.). Students seeking approval for adornments to their academic regalia must complete the Regalia Adornment Exception Form, which can be found by request in the Registrar's Office (Administration Building, Suite 204).

## Questions

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## Local Lodging Options

We hope the following information on motels will be helpful in finding lodging for the weekend.

### Note

Inform the motel personnel that your reservation is for Ottawa University's Commencement to see if a discount is available.

#### Best Western

606 East 23rd Street  
Ottawa, KS 66067

888-212-0452

785-242-2224

[www.bestwestern.com](http://www.bestwestern.com)

#### Comfort Inn

2335 South Oak Street  
Ottawa, KS 66067

800-424-6423

785-242-9898

[www.comfortinn.com](http://www.comfortinn.com)

#### EconoLodge

2321 South Cedar Street  
Ottawa, KS 66067

800-553-2666

785-242-3400

[www.econolodge.com](http://www.econolodge.com)

#### Knights Inn

1641 South Main Street  
Ottawa, KS 66067

877-242-6067

785-242-4842

[www.knightsinn.com](http://www.knightsinn.com)

#### Super 8 Ottawa

2315 South Oak Street  
Ottawa, KS 66067

800-800-8000

785-242-5551

[www.super8.com](http://www.super8.com)

#### Travelodge

2209 South Princeton Road  
Ottawa, KS 66067

800-578-7878

785-242-7000

[www.travelodge.com](http://www.travelodge.com)

## Local Dining Options

There are a variety of dining options throughout the Ottawa community. For the most up-to-date list of dining options, visit [www.visitottawakansas.com](http://www.visitottawakansas.com).

# Parking

There are a total of seven parking lots on the Ottawa University, Ottawa campus. Six of those lots are open to general parking for Commencement weekend. There will be some shuttle services available from those lots. The general parking lots are located at:

- 11th and Mulberry Streets (southeast corner of campus)
- 11th and College Streets (south central entrance to campus)
- 11th Street between College and Cedar (south entrance to campus)
- Mulberry Street (east entrance to campus)
- 9th and Oak Streets (two lots; north central entrance to campus)

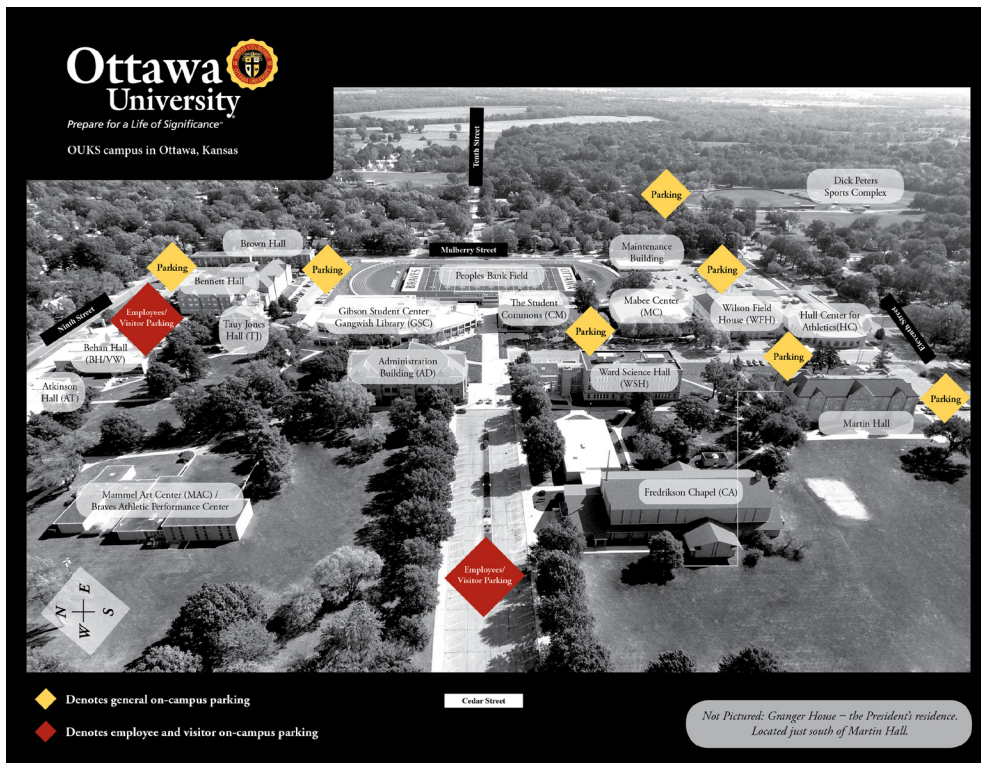
Additional parking is available along 11th Street east of Mulberry near the Dick Peters Sports Complex (noted at the top of the map below).

## Handicap Parking

One lot is reserved for handicap parking and is referred to as the horseshoe parking lot. It is located at:

- 10th and Cedar Streets (west entrance to campus)

# Campus Map



# Future Plans

In the future, should you find yourself in need of creating new career opportunities, remember that Career Services is here to help you with the process.

## Online Resources

Visit the Ottawa University website at [www.ottawa.edu/Commencement](http://www.ottawa.edu/Commencement).

There you will find information concerning the 2020 Ottawa University Commencement. An electronic version of this booklet can be found there.

## Questions

**Christine Currier**  
Adawe LifePlan  
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785-248-2562

## Special Assistance

If you have special needs or require assistance, please contact Kevin Moore with OU Campus Security at 785-214-0070. Feel free to communicate with us prior to the event date.

## Whom to Contact

Cap, Gown, Ring, and Graduation Announcements . . . . .	Sydnee Krueger 785-248-2312 sydnee.krueger@ottawa.edu
Transcripts . . . . .	www.ottawa.edu Click on "Transcript Request" in the footer.
Lodging . . . . .	Individual Motels See page 6
General Questions . . . . .	Julie Wilson 785-248-2570 • 800-755-5200, #9 julie.wilson@ottawa.edu

## Special Thanks

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