

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources
Ratcliffe Hicks School of Agriculture

Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony
Harry A. Gampel Pavilion
May 6, 2017

This is the only set of instructions that you will be sent concerning the details of your Commencement, please retain them.

UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

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Saturday, May 6, 2017, 6:00 pm

Guests Admitted to Gampel:	5:00 pm
Procession Forms in Field House:	5:00 pm
Procession Begins:	5:30 pm
Ceremony Begins:	6:00 pm

❖ **CAPS & GOWNS**

The UConn Bookstore will begin taking orders for caps and gowns on Monday, March 20th. Mortarboards should be worn straight. Men will remove their mortarboards for the singing of the National Anthem.

❖ **TICKETS**

Guest tickets are available for the CAHNR Commencement Ceremony at the UConn Bookstore, each student will be limited to 10 guests each. If students are in need of additional tickets please email acadprog@uconn.edu and give us your name, cell phone number, and amount of additional tickets you are requesting. As Commencement grows closer we will contact you regarding your request. In the past obtaining extra tickets has not been an issue.

❖ **RECEPTION**

Our reception immediately prior to commencement is a long-standing tradition. We invite you and your family/guests to join us in the North and South Reading Rooms of the Wilbur Cross Building from 3:00 pm-5:00 pm and enjoy the informal atmosphere of celebration; light fare and beverages will be served. You do not need to RSVP for this event.

❖ **UNDERGRADUATE PROCESSIONAL**

Please note that there will be no rehearsal. On Saturday, May 6th, proceed directly to the Field House (north end) for arrival no later than 5:00 pm. Please follow signage indicating the location of the Registration table and check in to receive your name card. You will be directed to your department's location. Marshals will help form lines and lead the procession to Gampel Pavilion. You will be seated in a reserved section according to your Department affiliation. Students graduating with a double major will sit with the primary degree department.

Important Information/Instructions for Student Participants regarding Commencement Exercise

Your name will be called by a department faculty member, and you will be presented your diploma cover by the Department Head (diplomas are mailed by the University within a few months). The Marshals will direct you. You will be congratulated, have your photograph taken, and returned to your seat. **YOU ARE EXPECTED TO REMAIN IN YOUR SEAT UNTIL THE CEREMONY HAS CONCLUDED. THE CEREMONY IS EXPECTED TO LAST APPROXIMATELY NINETY MINUTES.**

❖ **RECESSIONAL**

After completion of all exercises, the Dean, Speaker, Honorary Degree Recipient(s), Platform Party, faculty, and staff will recess. You and your guests will be asked to remain in your places until all of the above personnel have exited.

❖ **PHOTOGRAPHS**

There will be a professional photographer at the ceremony taking photographs of all candidates as they are presented with their diploma covers

No tripods will be allowed in Gampel Pavilion. Members of the audience using hand-held cameras may take pictures during the ceremonies from areas reserved for that purpose. In order to accommodate everyone, individuals are requested to move to those areas for only a short interval and then return to their seats. Guests will not be permitted on the Pavilion floor or in the aisles below the Plaza level.

❖ **TRAFFIC**

Traffic in the Storrs area will be very heavy on Commencement day. Please allow extra travel time and/or alternate routes to arrive on campus, park, and be seated in Gampel Pavilion. Due to other ceremonies already in session guests attending our ceremony will not be allowed to enter Gampel Pavilion before 5:00 pm.

❖ **PARKING**

Parking will be available at no cost in North and South parking garages on Commencement day. On May 6th, shuttle buses will run from the parking lots throughout the period of the Commencement events. For specific information please refer to <http://commencement.uconn.edu>. Some traffic areas may be restricted, particularly during the time of the processional.

Parking will be available for vehicles with official permits for handicapped parking on the ground level of the North and South Parking Garages. People may be dropped off near Gampel Pavilion. All entrances to Gampel Pavilion are accessible for individuals who use wheelchairs.

❖ **STUDENTS AND GUESTS WITH DISABILITIES**

The following accommodations will be available:

- A sign-language interpreter and special seating for people with hearing disabilities (ushers will direct you)
- Special seating area for individuals who use wheelchairs (ushers will direct you; these are available on first-come-first-served basis)
- Modified bathroom facilities
- Assistive listening system
- The closest available area for handicapped parking is on the ground level of the South Garage. The space will be available only for those vehicles with a permit from a State Motor Vehicles Department.

ALCOHOL

Alcohol is not permitted at the ceremonies and will be confiscated before entry into the Gampel Pavilion.

Helpful information can be found on our website listed below or you may contact us at 860-486-2919.

<http://grow.uconn.edu/graduation/>

You may also consult the Commencement website at: <http://commencement.uconn.edu> and review the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) for helpful information.

Thank you for your cooperation and CONGRATULATIONS! On behalf of the faculty and staff we hope that you, your family and guests have an enjoyable day on campus as you celebrate your academic achievements.

Sincerely,



Cameron Faustman
Interim Dean and Director

