



COMMENCEMENT WEEKEND 2021
PROFESSIONAL AND GRADUATE CANDIDATES

SATURDAY, MAY 22

In-person Baccalaureate Mass (with overflow space and livestream options)

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Eckstein Common, located east of the Alumni Memorial Union (AMU)

- Rain or Shine.
- Overflow in:
 - Chapel of the Holy Family (2nd floor of the AMU)
 - Monaghan Ballrooms (3rd floor of the AMU)
- COVID 19 protocols will be followed to include social distancing and masks.
- Communion will be distributed.
- There are a limited number of spots available to watch the live broadcast of the Baccalaureate Mass in the AMU Ballrooms alongside other graduates. To register for a spot, please send the graduate's name and two guests names to campusministry@marquette.edu Registrations will be accepted until the space is filled.
- Livestream available at [Baccalaureate Mass](#)

Virtual Commencement Ceremony

Immediately following Baccalaureate Mass

Online only – available on the [Commencement website](#)

- The virtual ceremony will be available immediately following the Baccalaureate Mass.
- It will include a message from President Lovell, an invocation, remarks from the Commencement speaker, Mr. John Ridley, an alumni video message, and the playing of the MU Alma Mater.
- Each college and school will have a tab on the commencement website that will include the dean's message and an optional photo (if one was provided) of each graduate with their name and degree.

SUNDAY, MAY 23

In-person Graduation Recognition Ceremony

5:00 p.m.

American Family Field

One Brewers Way, Milwaukee, WI 53214

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROFESSIONAL AND GRADUATE CANDIDATES

ARRIVAL

- Doors open at 4 p.m. Graduates should arrive promptly to line up with program; processional will move to field at 4:45 p.m. in preparation for program.
- All graduates and guests will be subject to gate screening upon arrival. Please see [Brewers.com/security](https://brewers.com/security) for gate screening and security policies.
- Graduates remember to:
 - Wear your academic apparel.
 - Bring your tickets. You and your guests need to each bring your own tickets, you will be using different entrances upon arrival.

DRIVING

- Map and directions to American Family field are included here: [American Family Field driving directions](#)

PARKING

- Brewers 1 Lot/Braves 1 Lot/Braves 2 Lot/Thomas Lot/Aaron Lot/Money Lot/Fingers Lot
- Parking is complimentary – parking lots will open at 3:30 p.m.
- Upon arrival, parking attendants will assist you in parking your vehicle.

ENTRANCES

- GRADUATES – enter at the Right Field Gate entrance, located at the southwest corner of the building. Once inside, you will immediately line up behind your school banner. You will join your guests after you cross the stage.
- GUESTS – enter at the Home Plate entrance. Once inside, guests will be directed to their assigned seats.
- Please see [American Family Field Student and Guest instructions](#) for entrance directions.

TICKETS

- The deadline has passed to reserve your tickets (deadline was April 16) through the mandatory RSVP for commencement.
- Graduates and guests will require a ticket to enter American Family Field.
- Tickets will be distributed at cap and gown pick up May 18-20 in the AMU Marquette Place for those who pre-registered for the Graduate Recognition Program.
- If you have not registered to pick up your cap and gown, please call University Special Events at 414-288-7431 immediately.
- All guests 3 and older require a ticket for entry.
- Tickets will be scanned onsite.
- For those who had their apparel shipped to their home, your tickets will be at the will call table, located outside of American Family Field in front of the Robin Yount statue, which is directly in front of the entrance to the Brewers Team Store.

PROCESSIONAL

- Once inside, you will be directed to line up behind your college banner for the processional.
- A college representative will be stationed near your college banner. Upon arrival, check in with them to receive your pre-filled student name card. You will hand this card to the column marshal for the announcer to read your name as you cross the stage.
- You will be standing for long periods of time and walking on the warning track to the stage. You are strongly encouraged to wear comfortable footwear. High heels (including kitten and mid-sized heels) are not permitted on the track. Block or wedge heels are advisable.
- Processional lines will move from the staging area to the field by 4:45 p.m.
- Column Marshals and college representatives will be onsite to assist with lining up colleges.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION PROGRAM

- Processional lines will move from the staging area to the field by 4:45 p.m.
- The Recognition Program will begin promptly at 5 p.m.
- As your school is being recognized, the Column Marshal will take your name card to be read by the announcer as you cross the stage.
- You will receive your diploma cover and congratulations from your dean, Provost Ah Yun and President Lovell.
- No handshaking, fist bumps or a wave are acceptable.
- Photographer will take picture as you cross the stage.
- When you exit the stage, a Column Marshal will guide you to an American Family Field usher who will direct you to your seats where you will join your guests.
- When all schools have been recognized, there will be a brief program.
- Following the program, you and your guests will exit following the American Family Field safety protocols.

MASTER'S AND PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL CANDIDATES

- Please carry your hood over your right arm during the processional, when you cross the stage and as you return to your seat.
- When you are seated with your guests the president will instruct you to don your hood, either one of your guests can put the hood on you, or you can put it on yourself.

PH.D. CANDIDATES

- You will line up with your dissertation director at your school banner.
- Your dissertation director will carry your hood over his/her right arm as you process in together.
- Your dissertation director will hood you on the warning track before you cross the stage together.
- You and your dissertation director will be announced together to cross the stage.

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Silly string, confetti, balloons, flowers are prohibited.
- Refer to the [Brewers.com/security](https://www.brewers.com/security) for a list of all other prohibited items.

APPAREL RETURN

- Return academic apparel and hoods at the stations set up at the exit.
- Caps and tassels may be retained as a keepsake.

ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT DETAILS

- No tailgating will be permitted before or after the ceremony.
- A limited amount of ADA seating is available. Seating will be assigned. Please contact University Special Events to reserve ADA seating.
- Guests 2 years and younger do not require a ticket, however they will need to sit on a parent or family member's lap.
- Carry-in food or snacks are not permitted; concessions will not be sold. Soda, water, or juice in factory-sealed plastic bottles are permitted (one per person, no larger than 32 ounces).
- All guests two years and older will be required to wear a face mask covering the nose and mouth for the duration of the event. Guests who do not adhere to the American Family Field mask policy will be asked to leave the event. Please refer to the [Brewers' Ballpark Information](#) for additional information.