Commencement Preparation
What You Need to Know
Commencement Weekend Events
May 22-24, 2019

Memorial Day Weekend!

University Commencement Ceremony
• Friday, May 22, 7:00pm

President’s Toast
• Friday, May 22, 9:00pm

School/College Degree Ceremonies
• Saturday, May 23 - Sunday, May 24
University Commencement Ceremony

Chapman’s all-school ceremony honoring your student’s achievements

- Guest tickets are REQUIRED
- Students must reserve tickets before May 8th to receive (4) guest tickets
- Cap and Gown to be worn
- Graduates will NOT cross the stage
- Presentation of Major Student Awards
- Keynote Speaker – Nadia Murad
- Official welcome from the Alumni Association
- Turning of the Tassels as President Struppa ceremoniously confers degrees
Ceremony Details

• Tickets not required

• Graduates WILL walk across the stage and have name called

• Photos taken by professional photographers on stage and offstage

• Receive diploma cover, NOT actual diploma
How Do We Get There?

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1. Check with your Academic Advisor to make sure you meet the participation criteria

2. Apply for Degree Conferral online at my.chapman.edu

3. Beginning March 1, RSVP online to participate in a Degree Ceremony
All participants MUST RSVP by April 15 to guarantee their name to be listed in the bulletin

Last day to RSVP is May 15
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4. Order Cap and Gown
Ordering Cap and Gown

- Gown is black, with red cuff on the sleeve
- Required package: cap, gown, tassel. Everything else is optional
- $64.00, plus shipping
- Ships directly to purchaser
- Last day to order without expedited shipping is April 8
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5. The week of Commencement print your Degree Ceremony Passport
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Dual Degree:

Jessica has completed a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry.

Jessica may walk in 2 ceremonies:
Wilkinson Ceremony to receive her B.A. and Schmid Ceremony to receive her B.S.
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**Double Major:**

Brandon has completed a Bachelor of Arts degree, double majoring in Film Studies and Sociology.

Brandon is getting only one degree, so it is recommended that he choose which ceremony to participate in.

Both majors will be listed on his diploma.
Day of Commencement (Graduates)

- Show up to line up location on time
- Bring printed passport
- Pay attention and follow staff directions
- Have fun!!
Alcohol...

- Alcohol is not permitted and will be confiscated if found.

- At the discretion of Chapman Commencement Staff, any student who appears too intoxicated will NOT be allowed to cross the stage.
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- Live stream for guests who can’t be there
Insider Tips

• Parking/Entry Locations
• Hats and Bulletins
• Rendezvous Point with Grad
Tissues!!!
More Questions?

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