



Important Information

- Find FAQs, venue information, live webcast link, and more at umuc.edu/commencement.
- Review the [driving directions to the Xfinity Center](#), 8500 Paint Branch Drive, College Park, MD 20742.
- Graduates' names are published online in the official 2017 Adelphi commencement program. Share, view, and download the online program at umuc.edu/commencement.
- Want to star in our next advertising campaign? Our photography and video crews will be on hand to record your thoughts on why you chose UMUC and the difference your UMUC education is making in your life.

UMUC's commencement at Xfinity Center will be recorded, photographed, and streamed live. By attending the event, you consent to UMUC's use of your image, likeness, actions, and statements in connection with any live or recorded transmission or publication of the event.

All persons and bags are subject to search. Most bags are prohibited, so plan ahead. For a list of restricted bags, visit umuc.edu/bagrestrictions.

Use this checklist to make sure your special day goes smoothly.

FOR GRADUATES

Before You Leave Home

- Print this guide.
- Print or e-mail your guest tickets.
- Bring your cap and gown and name reader card.
- Wear business casual attire and sensible shoes—there will be long periods of walking and standing.

Arrive

- Show up 90 minutes before your ceremony.
- Park in designated areas; security and staff will direct you.
- Plan a location to meet your guests outside of the Xfinity Center after the ceremony. (Use our colorful balloon towers as landmarks.)

Enter

- Wear your cap and gown to enter the Xfinity Center.
- Report to graduate robing (loading dock) or undergraduate robing (The Pavilion).

Before the Ceremony Begins

- Remember to use the restroom.
- Report to line-up areas with your name reader card.
- Line up alphabetically.
- Alert a staff member if you need assistance.
- Share your special day on social media using **#UMUCGrad**. Post on Instagram and Twitter so your friends and family can see your posts live on screens in the arena.

During

- Follow the instructions of the marshals and staff members.
- Plan to remain at your seat on the arena floor for the duration of the ceremony.
- Get ready to claim your diploma folder, shake hands, and get your official photo taken when your name is called.

After

- After the recessional, meet your family at your chosen location.
- Enjoy your moment!
- Watch for an e-mail with instructions on how to order photos.

FOR GUESTS

Before You Leave Home

- Print this guide and review driving directions.
- Get tickets from your graduate.
- Wear business casual attire and sensible shoes for walking and climbing steep stairs.

Arrive

- Anticipate heavy traffic around the Xfinity Center.
- Select a location to meet your graduate after the ceremony. (Use our colorful balloon towers as landmarks.)
- Refrain from bringing restricted items into Xfinity Center (including noisemakers, strollers, balloons, and alcohol).

Enter

- Enter through Gates A, B, or E.
- If you preregistered for special accommodations, report to Gate E.
- Present your ticket to enter. Tickets have unique barcodes that can be scanned only once and are required, even for infants.

Before the Ceremony Begins

- Find seats: First come, first served.
- Purchase concessions, snacks, and water.
- Claim one commemorative commencement program per family. (Graduates' names are published online in the official 2017 Adelphi commencement program at umuc.edu/commencement.)
- Enjoy music and videos showcasing UMUC grads.
- Purchase flowers and UMUC GEAR.

During

- Silence electronic devices.
- Be courteous to those around you so that all names can be heard.
- Remain in your seat until graduates march out of the arena.
- Don't worry about getting an on-stage graduate photo. Official photographers will take photos of graduates as they cross the stage.

After

- Meet your graduate at your chosen location.
- Celebrate!

See reverse for commencement schedule

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

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COMMENCEMENT

YOUR ITINERARY	SATURDAY, MAY 13 (MORNING)	SATURDAY, MAY 13 (AFTERNOON)	SUNDAY, MAY 14 (AFTERNOON)
Suggested arrival at parking areas. Doors open.	7:30 a.m.	2 p.m.	2 p.m.
Undergraduates enter through Gates C or D; graduate students enter through loading dock. Report to robing areas.	7:30 a.m.	2 p.m.	2 p.m.
Ceremony begins	9 a.m.	3:30 p.m.	3:30 p.m.
Keynote address	9:45 a.m.	4:15 p.m.	4:15 p.m.
Graduate names are called	10 a.m.	4:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.
Grand finale: Degree conferral	11 a.m.	5:30 p.m.	5:30 p.m.
Graduates meet guests and depart Xfinity Center	11:30 a.m.	6 p.m.	6 p.m.