**Guide for Graduating Students | Econ Convocation**

#### GRADUATION INFORMATION 2024



**Regalia:**

**Cap& Gown**

**Blue Cap & Gown, White Tassel (for your cap) Required.** Academic Attire Distribution: The deadline to order academic attire was April 25th, 2024, at 10:59pm CST. If you DID NOT place an order, Herff Jones provides last-minute regalia assistance. Please fill out the google doc on this website: <https://commencement.illinois.edu/may-commencement/graduates/academic-attire/ordering-rental-academic-attire/> (Checks not accepted)

• Regalia may be returned via the prepaid shipping label or Memorial Stadium, East Side immediately

following the ceremonies. There will be no in-person pick-up or returns available after these dates.

• Replacement return shipping labels are available at: <https://pipeline.flatworldgs.com/app.php?r=returnPortal>

**Regalia Returns:** Graduate and Faculty regalia may also be returned to the Herff Jones booth on the East Side of Memorial Stadium Commencement Weekend on May 11 until 9pm or May 12 from 7am until 9pm.

Again, please follow the staff, as we will count you off for each row. You will be seated and the ceremony will start. The staff will instruct you when to stand (one row at a time) and follow your line to the stage. **Make sure you have your reader card!** You will hand your card to Stefanie Freeman at the top of the ramp then you will make your way to Dean Vanderpool, who will give you your diploma cover. Please accept the diploma cover with your **left** hand, allowing you to shake hands with our guests on stage with your right hand. You will then continue off stage (guided by staff), where you will take a picture with your diploma cover, and then continue to your seat. **DO NOT MOVE YOUR TASSEL FROM RIGHT TO LEFT until told to do so. You will do this at the very end when the dean confers your degree.**

When the ceremony ends, those on the stage will lead the way out; staff will release you row-by-row to exit. Please continue all the way out of the building to ensure we’re able to properly dismiss all students efficiently.

Please encourage your family and friends to stay in their seats during the ceremony, if they make their way to the stage they will be escorted back to their seats!

**Graduates must check-in between 12:30 and 1:15p.m. in the big tent outside of the Virginia Theater.** You will be provided with your reader card (very important) and then will line up where you wish based on color. Please follow the directions of the staff to ensure a proper start time. More information about Check In on this sheet.

Faculty will lead the procession into the theatre, followed by PhD, Masters, and B.S. CS+ ECON, B.S. Econometrics, and B.A. Economics students. Please stay in a double-file line, in order. We will stop at the entrance inside.  
Entering the auditorium, the faculty will continue on stage, the PhDs, Masters and Bachelors students will be ushered into designated seats.

**Ceremony:**

**Student Info**

### Regalia:

##### Cap and Gown

Guests of the Economics Graduation ceremony may begin entering The Virginia Theatre at 12:30pm. Prior to our ceremony we will be setting up, guests are not allowed in during this time. Please let your family members know they will be allowed enter as close to the 12:30 time slot as possible.

Make sure guests arrive by 1:20pm. Once graduates begin entering the theatre, guests will not be allowed to enter. For directions to the Virginia Theatre, encourage your guests to look at <https://thevirginia.org/directions/>

\*\*\* If you indicated that your family needs special seating accommodations, Stefanie Freeman will email you. If you need special accommodations/family seating, please email Stefanie no later than Monday, May 6th with your name and email ([smflores@illinois.edu)\*\*\*](mailto:smflores@illinois.edu)***)

Parking is available in metered spaces on the streets surrounding the theatre (Park Avenue, Randolph Avenue, State Street, Main Street, etc.). We are encouraging families to park at the City of Champaign Hill Street Parking Deck (123 West Hill Street) is 1½ blocks from the theatre. Since it is the weekend, parking will be free.

**Ticket Info:**Updates

**Check Your Email for Additional Information!**

**Econ Graduation:** [https://economics.illinois.edu/resources/convocation-graduation/spring-may- convocation](https://economics.illinois.edu/resources/convocation-graduation/spring-may-%20%20%20convocation)

**Campus-Wide Commencement:** <http://commencement.illinois.edu/>  
   
 \*\*\*Please email [econug@illinois.edu](mailto:econug@illinois.edu) with any inquiries regarding convocation\*\*\*

As of now, Undergrad students who requested 4 tickets or less will receive their full ticket order at Pre-Check. DO NOT LOSE YOU TICKETS. We do NOT have extra. After the initial round of pre-check is over, we will have a ticket lottery and start to distribute tickets to students as they are available.

Your whole family is welcome to attend the University-Wide Commencement Ceremony and our ceremony will be live streamed, and the link posted to our website and sent out to you in an email with this document!

**Pictures:**

**Check In:**

**Student Info**

Families are not permitted into the check in area. Make sure your family heads over to the Virginia Theatre. Send your belongings with them as you cannot carry a purse or anything with you.   
  
PhD/ Faculty check in, MSPE check in, and Undergrad check in are spread throughout the armory. Look for your appropriate table. Undergrad check in is separated by first letter of your last name. Once you are handed your reader card, please either look for a staff member or find your major sign and stand near it (CS+ECON, Econometrics, Economics). You MUST be near your sign by 1:10pm.  
Listen for the whistle, between 1:15-1:20pm you will be placed into a double file line.

* Wear appropriate footwear. You will be standing for some time in the outside tent and then walking into the Virginia Theatre (we walk quickly). Wear shoes that you are comfortable walking and standing in.
* Keep hydrated! Feel free to bring a bottle of water to keep at your seat if needed.
* Use restrooms **BEFORE** the ceremony. Unless it is an emergency, no one will be permitted to get up during the ceremony and it is 1.5 hours in length.
* **Give all belongings to family members or friends PRIOR to check in**. You will not be allowed to carry in a backpack or purse with you.

**Suggestions:  
Students & Guests**

Grad Images (http://www.gradimages.com/) will be taking pictures, including graduates walking across the stage. Please include your email on your reader cards so you will receive the proofs when they are available.

Pictures may be purchased. Pictures from the reception will be available on **www.economics.illinois.edu/about/photos.**

**Ceremony:**

**Guest   
Info**