



WINTER COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION BULLETIN

Sunday December 20, 2009 1:00 PM

In the DeSimone Gymnasium located in the Sports and Activities Center

Eligible Graduates

(Candidates who have received approval by the Registrar's Office to attend)

- Report to the Field house entrance located on the ground floor of the Sports and Activity Center (SAC) by **NOON**. (Use the main entrance on the South end of the Building)
- Register to receive name cards, university honors cords, and be directed to your place in the commencement procession.

Graduation with Honors

- University honors cords will be distributed to eligible graduates during registration.
 - Any other cords will be distributed by the organization recognizing the honors.
- At the ceremony, honors standing will be recognized on the basis of the cumulative grade point average on all coursework (including transfer) **completed prior to the end of the fall semester**. (Please note – SOLAR cumulative GPA's include UW-Parkside coursework only.)
- Final determination of honors standing will be made during the final degree evaluation after fall grades have been submitted and will appear on both the transcript and diploma.
- Honors standing requires the following cumulative GPA:
Cum Laude – 3.50-3.69 *Magna Cum Laude* – 3.70-3.89 *Summa Cum Laude* – 3.90-4.00.

Caps & Gowns

(Standard attire for Bachelor and Masters Degree candidates must be worn in entirety by all graduates participating in the ceremony)

- **Bachelor degree** attire may be *purchased* for \$32.00 plus tax from the Campus Bookstore.
 - Includes cap, gown, and tassel
 - No fitting necessary
- **Masters degree** attire must be *rented* through the Campus Bookstore for \$46.00 plus tax.
 - *Fittings are necessary* and should be done by December 1st in the Campus Bookstore.
 - Orders after December 1st will be charged an additional \$25.00 service fee and delivery is not guaranteed.

Graduation Announcements

Announcements are available in the Campus Bookstore.

- Generic announcements are available in packs of 10.
- Personalized announcements may be ordered in packs of 25 (allow two weeks for delivery)
- Additionally, a photographer and a Jostens representative will be available outside the Campus Bookstore to take orders for personalized announcements, rings, and other products during Senior Send-Off days on November 11th and 12th (please refer to the back page).

Diplomas

- Embossed University of Wisconsin-Parkside diploma covers are received on stage at the graduation ceremony.
- For those not participating in graduation, diploma covers will be available during regular office hours in the Registrar's/Student Records Office, WYLL D187 after final degree audits have been completed

Inviting a special faculty/staff person

Many of our graduates have told us that there is a special person at UW-Parkside who has really made a difference in their education. If someone has made your educational experience special, please send him/her a note and a personal invitation to attend Commencement.

Guests – **LIMIT 6**

- There are no tickets necessary for guests attending the ceremony.
- Doors will open to the gymnasium in the SAC at noon and the ceremony will last approximately 90 minutes.
- Guests should go directly to the gymnasium and be seated to alleviate congestion in the hallways and aisles.
- As a courtesy, guests are asked to remain seated during the ceremony.
- A reception for graduates and guests will follow the ceremony in Main Place of Wyllie Hall.

We ask that you are considerate of your fellow graduates and honor these requests.

Special Accommodations for Candidates or Guests

Please contact the Registrar's Office by Monday December 1st at 262-595-2497 or registrars.office@uwp.edu for special seating arrangements.

- Accommodations for candidates unable to maneuver procession, ceremony, or seating.
- Accommodations for guests unable to maneuver bleacher seating or standard parking.

Important Phone Numbers

Campus Bookstore – 262-595-2301
Commencement Ceremony Information – 262-595-2497
Special Seating Reservations – 262-595-2497

Senior Send-Off days

If you are graduating this December,
you will want to attend one of these sessions

Wednesday, November 11th from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Thursday, November 12th from 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Student Center Atrium

Purchase caps, gowns, invitations, rings, have your picture taken, meet with reps from financial aid, check to make sure all degree requirements are going to be met and so much more.

Enjoy food, drinks, and even receive a free gift!

Don't miss Senior Send-Off Days!