



SPRING COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION BULLETIN
Saturday, May 16, 2009 in the **DeSimone Gymnasium**
(Located in the Sports and Activities Center)

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE GRADUATES – 10:00 a.m. CEREMONY

All Bachelor of Science and Masters Degrees will be conferred at the 10:00 a.m. Commencement Ceremony for the following majors:

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| Applied Health Sciences | Mathematics | Masters in Business Administration |
| Biological Sciences | Molecular Biology and Bioinformatics | Masters of Science in Applied Molecular Biology |
| Business Management | Physics | Masters of Science in Computer and Information Systems |
| Chemistry | Psychology | |
| Computer Science | Sport and Fitness Management | |
| Geosciences | | |
| Management Information Systems | | |

Graduates should report to UPPER MAIN PLACE by 9:00 a.m. to check in and pick up their name cards and assemble for the Commencement procession. If heavy rain is expected, Graduates will be notified by Ranger alert on your email or cell phone to report directly to the Field house. All guests should go directly to the Sports and Activities Center. The SAC doors will open at 9:00 a.m.



BACHELOR OF ARTS GRADUATES - 2:30 p.m. CEREMONY

All Bachelor of Arts degrees will be conferred at the 2:30 p.m. Commencement Ceremony for the following majors:

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| Communication | German Studies | Philosophy |
| Criminal Justice | History | Political Science |
| Digital Art | Humanities | Sociology/Anthropology |
| Economics | Interdisciplinary Studies | Spanish |
| English | International Studies | Studio Arts |
| French Studies | Liberal Arts for Teachers | Theatre Arts |
| Geography | Music | |

Graduates should report to UPPER MAIN PLACE by 1:30 p.m. to check in and pick up their name cards and assemble for the Commencement procession. If heavy rain is expected Graduates will be notified by Ranger alert on your email or cell phone to report directly to the Field house. All guests should go directly to the Sports and Activities Center. The SAC doors will open at 1:30 p.m.

GUESTS- LIMIT 6

- There are no tickets necessary for guests attending the ceremony
- Doors will open to the gymnasium in the SAC 30 minutes before the ceremony which 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

Degree Candidates or guests needing special accommodations for the ceremony or seating or if guests are not able to maneuver bleacher seating, please request assistance by calling 262-595-2497 or email theresa.livingston@uwp.edu by May 1st.

🚩 CAPS AND 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 (We will not have extra caps gowns or tassels at the ceremony)
 - No fitting necessary (remember to check for all pieces before you leave when purchasing attire)
- **Masters Degree** attire must be *rented* through the Campus Bookstore for \$42.00 plus tax.
 - *Fittings are necessary* and should be done by **April 27th** in the Campus Bookstore.
 - Orders after April 27th will be charged a \$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 of the Campus Bookstore to take portraits and to take orders for personalized announcements, rings and other products during Senior Send-Off Days April 1st and 2nd (see details below).

🚩 DIPLOMAS

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

🚩 GRADUATING WITH HONORS

- 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, academic honors will be recognized on the basis of the cumulative grade point average on all coursework (*including transfer*) **completed prior to the end of the spring semester.** (*Please note - SOLAR cumulative GPA's include UW-Parkside coursework only.*)
- Final determination of official academic honors will be made during the final degree evaluation after spring grades have been submitted and will appear on both the transcript and the diploma.
- Academic honors require the following total cumulative GPA (*including transfer*) :
CUM LAUDE 3.50 – 3.69 **MAGNA CUM LAUDE** 3.70 – 3.89 **SUMMA CUM LAUDE** 3.90 – 4.0

🚩 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.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Campus Book Store (262) 595-2301 • **Student Records** (262) 595-2284
Disability Seating and other Ceremony Information (262) 595-2497

Senior Send-Off Days

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

In the Student Center Atrium

Wednesday, **April 1st** from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Thursday, **April 2rd** from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Purchase caps, gowns, invitations, rings, have your picture taken,
meet with reps from financial aid, verify degree audit, and so much more.

Enjoy food, drinks and even receive a gift!

DON'T MISS SENIOR SEND-OFF DAY!