

Subject: UTA Commencement: Know before you go

Dear Maverick,

You are just days away from crossing the commencement stage at College Park Center, and we are looking forward to celebrating your accomplishments with you and your guests.

Please read this email carefully as it contains reminders and tips to help this exciting day go smoothly.

First-Destination Survey

Not applicable for online-only students

As **one final step** before you celebrate your graduation from UTA, graduating students are urged to complete the [First-Destination Survey on Handshake](#) to let us know your next steps as a new member as the Maverick alumni family. Respondents will be entered to win one of five \$100 Visa gift cards.

GradPass

You will receive an email from commencement@studentaffairs.uta.edu with your MarchingOrder GradPass no later than May 10. **Please print it out and bring it with you to College Park Center** as your GradPass will be used for entry into the venue and scanned before you cross the stage. Your GradPass will also include your assigned seat for the graduate processional holding area.

Please review your GradPass carefully to make sure your name and ceremony date and time are correct. If you notice an error, contact studentaffairs@uta.edu ASAP or come to the Gold Card table when you arrive at commencement.

Arriving at College Park Center

Parking lots open 90 minutes before each ceremony start time. Doors open 90 minutes before the ceremony for graduates and one hour before for guests. We recommend making plans to arrive 90 minutes before the ceremony to allow time to park and make your way to the Gate One entrance. Please remember to get dressed and check your regalia prior to arrival.

Bag Policy

A [clear bag policy](#) is in effect for all guests and graduates at UTA commencement. Only 12" x 12" x 6" clear bags, 4.5" x 8.5" clutch purses/wallets or one-gallon clear Ziploc bag will be allowed into the venue. Diaper and medical bags are allowed. Bags are subject to inspection before entry.

There is no location to store bags for graduates, so unless something is needed for an accommodation, all bags will be restricted at the entrance. **Tip:** Consider a crossbody bag or fanny pack that can be worn under your regalia for essential items.

Parking

Parking is free in designated lots for all ceremonies and will open 90 minutes before each ceremony. Please visit the [Maverick Family and Guest Experience webpage](#) for details on which lots are available.

ADA Accommodations

If you requested accommodations through MarchingOrder, you should have already received accessibility guidance. If you have not received guidance or need to request new or additional accommodations, contact your [college's commencement coordinator](#).

Cap and Gown Donation

If you're able, graduating students are encouraged to make plans to donate their cap and gown to the [Maverick Pantry](#) to help future graduates who may not be able to afford regalia gain the complete commencement experience. Contact eaf@uta.edu to make donation plans.

Guest Tickets

Please make sure you've [followed instructions](#) to share ceremony tickets with your guests. All tickets must be printed in advance. No tickets will be available at the venue, and no UTA ID's will be accepted in place of a ticket for admittance.

To inquire about extra tickets that might be available for your ceremony, contact your [college's commencement coordinator](#).

Ceremonies are planned to be approximately 90 minutes in length. Please direct your guests to the [Maverick Family and Guest Experience webpage](#) for additional information that will help them prepare to make the most of your commencement celebration.

Diplomas

Your diploma will be mailed to your mailing address listed in MyMav six to eight weeks after your degree is conferred at commencement.

We are thrilled to help you celebrate this accomplishment. More information and access to the ceremony livestreams can be found at uta.edu/commencement. Don't forget to use #ForeverMaverick when you share your celebration on social media.

Congratulations!