

Temple University
137th COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

May 8, 2024 | 10 a.m.

The Liacouras Center, 1776 N. Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19121

GUIDE FOR GRADUATING STUDENTS AND THEIR GUESTS

UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

- 8:30 a.m.** The Liacouras Center, at 1776 N. Broad St., opens for Commencement guests. Tickets are required for all guests to enter. Graduating students must request tickets in advance. Graduates do not need tickets.
- 8:30–8:45 a.m.** All graduates report in academic regalia. Meet up with some of Temple’s exciting performers positioned at a few special points on campus to point you toward The Liacouras Center. Students will line up in The Liacouras Center loading dock for the graduate procession into the arena. Graduates must wear regalia to walk.
- 9:25 a.m.** Procession of graduates begins for Temple University’s 137th Commencement.
- 9:40 a.m.** Faculty and stage party procession begins.
- 10 a.m.** Temple University’s 137th Commencement ceremony begins with President Englert’s welcome. The ceremony will last approximately 90 minutes.

THE LIACOURAS CENTER SAFETY AND SECURITY

Please note that walkthrough metal detectors will be in use at the university Commencement ceremony and all school and college ceremonies at The Liacouras Center. Large bags and backpacks are also not permitted, and a clear bag policy will be in effect. For additional information, [read this document](#). Bags will also be searched, so we kindly request that guests limit their bags to small clutch-sized and/or plastic or clear bags to expedite entry. Backpacks and/or large bags, **balloons, air horns, selfie sticks, signs and confetti are not permitted in The Liacouras Center or any of the buildings where school/college ceremonies are held**. Flowers and other gifts for graduates can be purchased inside The Liacouras Center and at selected venues.

ACCESSIBLE SEATING

- The Liacouras Center: Access ramps at all entrances and seating areas to accommodate all guests.
- Temple Performing Arts Center: Wheelchair-accessible entrance on the north side of the venue at the corner of Broad Street and Polett Walk; wheelchair-accessible seat locations are available throughout Lew Klein Hall and the Chapel of Four Chaplains.
- The Kimmel Center and the Academy of Music: All theaters have wheelchair-accessible locations including stair-free access and either open space to accommodate a variety of mobility devices, or an upholstered loose chair can be provided.

SCHOOL/COLLEGE GRADUATION CEREMONIES SCHEDULE

In addition to the university Commencement, ceremonies for all schools/colleges that host them are listed below. Most ceremonies will be held on [Temple University's Main Campus](#).

The following ceremonies will be livestreamed on YouTube, please visit their commencement.edu for the link closer to the ceremony.

College of Education and Human Development
Klein College of Media and Communication
Temple University, Japan Campus

Monday, May 6, 2024

School of Podiatric Medicine—noon, Temple Performing Arts Center

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

School of Theater, Film and Media Arts—1:30 p.m., Temple Performing Arts Center
College of Public Health—2 p.m., The Liacouras Center
School of Social Work—2 p.m., The Liacouras Center
College of Liberal Arts (graduate ceremony)—2:30 p.m., Mazur Hall
Boyer College of Music and Dance—5:30 p.m., Temple Performing Arts Center
Fox School of Business—6 p.m., The Liacouras Center

Thursday, May 9, 2024

College of Liberal Arts (undergraduate ceremony)—9:30 a.m., The Liacouras Center
College of Engineering—10 a.m., McGonigle Hall
University College—10:30 a.m., Temple Performing Arts Center
College of Science and Technology—1:30 p.m., The Liacouras Center
Tyler School of Art and Architecture—2 p.m., McGonigle Hall
School of Sport, Tourism and Hospitality Management—2:30 p.m., Temple Performing Arts Center
College of Education and Human Development—5:30 p.m., The Liacouras Center

Friday, May 10, 2024

Lewis Katz School of Medicine—9 a.m., Kimmel Center, 300 S. Broad St., Philadelphia PA 19102
Lew Klein College of Media and Communication—10 a.m., The Liacouras Center
School of Pharmacy—2 p.m., The Liacouras Center

Friday, May 17, 2024

Temple University, Japan Campus—TBD, Hitomi Memorial Hall, Tokyo, Japan
Maurice H. Kornberg School of Dentistry—4 p.m., Academy of Music, 240 S. Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19102

Thursday, May 23, 2024

Beasley School of Law—4 p.m., The Liacouras Center

COMMENCEMENT STREAM AND BROADCAST

Temple University Television (TUTV) will go on the air live at 9:45 a.m. EDT. TUTV airs throughout Philadelphia on Comcast channel 50 and Verizon channel 45. Temple's Main Campus cable is channel 103. Temple University's 137th Commencement ceremony livestream can be seen anywhere by logging into [temple.edu/commencement](https://www.temple.edu/commencement). The program will replay on those same platforms at 6 p.m. EDT.

MAPS AND DIRECTIONS

For an interactive map of Temple University's Main Campus, please visit: route.temple.edu.

For a map of SEPTA public transportation routes, please visit septa.org.

Volunteers will be available on campus at key outdoor points and inside The Liacouras Center to provide directions to all guests.

PARKING

Students received assigned parking passes for themselves and their guests, which are required to enter the parking lots. The Liacouras Center and 15th Street lots are only available to those with parking passes for those locations. Please refer to your parking ticket for your assigned parking lot. If you plan to leave campus between ceremonies and return the same day, we strongly suggest that you use public transportation or taxis. If you leave a parking lot, you may have difficulty getting back into the same lot. Please allow plenty of time as Commencement is a busy day on campus.

SEPTA's northbound and southbound subway stops are at the intersection of Broad Street and Cecil B. Moore Avenue. Subway fare is \$2.50 one way. Stations offer single-use, one-way passes that can be purchased with cash or debit/credit card, and SEPTA Key allows you to take multiple rides. SEPTA Key card holders can utilize the [multirider feature](#) that allows up to five riders on one SEPTA key card. Regional Rail lines stop at Temple University Station at 10th and Berks streets. Fares for Regional Rail may vary.

Some local rideshare and cab company numbers are

- Uber or Lyft,
- Freedom Taxi: **215-222-9999**,
- Philadelphia Taxicab Service: **215-535-6700**, and
- All Threes: **215-333-3333**.

ETIQUETTE

Commencement is a celebration of our students' accomplishments and a formal academic event conducted with dignity and decorum. During the ceremony, please remain in your seats and refrain from blocking aisles and walkways, including the area directly in front of the stage. Kindly silence or turn off cellphones.

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REGALIA

Bachelor's degree candidates should wear their mortarboard, so it sits parallel with the ground, with the tassel hanging to the right. Graduates often decorate their mortarboards in a fun and celebratory fashion. Creativity and expression are encouraged. During the ceremony, the university president will ask graduates to move their tassels from the right front side of the mortarboard to the left to officially mark the awarding of degrees. Master's and doctoral candidates should wear caps with tassels attached to the left.

Commencement regalia does not have to be returned after the ceremonies. It can be kept as a keepsake or responsibly recycled.

Graduates who have met academic criteria are eligible to wear cords representative of Latin honors, university honors and other distinctive academic honor programs and societies. If graduates were unable to pick up their honor cords at their school or college or the university Commencement on the ground level of Sullivan Hall they can contact the Strategic University Events Office at commencement@temple.edu.

PHOTOS

We suggest the following locations for graduates and their families and friends to take photos, away from the crowds surrounding The Liacouras Center.

Outdoor locations

- O'Connor Plaza (Liacouras and Polett walks)
- Founder's Garden (Liacouras and Polett walks)
- Lenfest Circle at the Bell Tower (on Polett Walk outside of Charles Library)
- Gates of campus (Broad Street and Polett Walk)

Indoor locations

- Howard Gittis Student Center (1755 N. 13th St.)
- Tuttleman Learning Center (1809 N. 13th St.)
- Science Education and Research Center (1925 12th St.)
- Annenberg Hall (2020 N. 13th St.)

FREE TIME/DINING

If you have free time on Wednesday, May 8; Thursday, May 9; or Friday, May 10 before, after or between ceremonies, there are many places to eat on or near campus.

- Aramark/Cherry and White Catering is offering pickup box lunches which must be preordered: cherryandwhite.catertrax.com.
- Trucks and other outlets located around campus offer a diverse assortment of foods.

Temple University's Main Campus is also a short subway or cab ride away from restaurants in Center City, Fairmount and Northern Liberties.

FREE TIME/SHOPPING

- Temple University Bookstore: Howard Gittis Student Center lower level
 - Includes Temple apparel, gifts, diploma frames and snacks

CAMPUS PHONE NUMBERS

- **Campus Safety emergency line:** 215-204-1234
- **Campus Safety nonemergency line:** 215-204-7900
- **The Liacouras Center:** 215-204-2400

Please note that graduates will not receive their diplomas today; they will be available digitally several weeks after the ceremony and students may request a hard copy be mailed to their home.

HOTELS NEAR TEMPLE UNIVERSITY

- **Conwell Inn:** 1331 Polett Walk, Philadelphia, PA 19122
- **Sonesta Hotel:** 1800 Market St., Philadelphia, PA 19103
- **Club Quarters:** 1628 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, PA 19103
- **Hyatt Centric:** 1620 Chancellor St., Philadelphia, PA 19103
- **Canopy by Hilton:** 1180 Ludlow St., Philadelphia, PA 19107
- **Holiday Inn Express:** 1305 Walnut St., Philadelphia, PA 19107
- **The Mint House:** 699 N. Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19121
- **Sheraton:** 201 N. 17th St., Philadelphia, PA 19103

To review rates for all hotels, click [here](#).