



161st Commencement Information

Saturday, May 14, 2022

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On Saturday, May 14, 2022 **three ceremonies will be held**. All three ceremonies will be held in the Deborah F. Stanley Arena and Convocation Hall, located in the Marano Campus Center. The traditional academic procession will form 45 minutes before the ceremony is scheduled to begin. All graduates should report to the west entrance (Penfield Library side) of the Marano Campus Center. Graduates will line up behind the appropriate sign for their school or college.

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences **9:00 a.m.** • School of Business **12:30 p.m.**
School of Communication, Media and the Arts and School of Education **4:00 p.m.**

Undergraduate Degree Application

To graduate, a student must have applied online. Students who are eligible to graduate and have not yet filed online should contact the Registrar's graduation area, 301 Culkin Hall. Detailed information regarding this process with all pertinent deadline dates is also available on the Registrar's website.

Deadlines for the submission of the online degree application and for your name to be printed in the commencement program are/ or were as follows:

May graduation **October 1, 2021**
August graduation **February 1, 2022**

Senior Check Form

Senior Check forms are generated when the student applies to graduate. The forms are then available online via each students' Degree Works audit, and are required for all major(s) and minor(s). It is the student's responsibility to make an appointment to meet with academic advisors to review academic records in terms of meeting graduation requirements. Completed forms are required and must be submitted to the Registrar's Office before seniors will be eligible to graduate. The deadlines for return of the Senior Check forms are/ or were as follows:

May graduation **December 1, 2021**
August graduation **April 1, 2022**

Graduate Degree Form

It is the final responsibility of the graduate student to file an application for the advanced degree and/ or certificate. To graduate, a student must have applied online. Students who are eligible to graduate and missed the online application should contact the Registrar's Office in 301 Culkin Hall, or call 315-312-2235. Deadlines for your name to be printed in the commencement program are/ or were as follows:

May graduation **February 15, 2022**
August graduation **February 15, 2022**

Final confirmation is initiated by the filing of the degree and/ or certificate application.

Dress and Decorum

Wearing of the traditional academic gown and mortar board is part of participation in commencement. Suitable attire to wear with a cap and gown is dark shoes and clothing. Pocketbooks are not to be carried.

Corsages and jewelry are not to be worn with academic gowns; other attachments deemed not appropriate may be removed by the staff before the procession if necessary.

REMINDER: There will be no alcoholic beverages or air horns permitted at the ceremony. Violators may be asked to leave. To provide a safer environment for the public and to expedite entry into the Marano Campus Center, University Police will be inspecting all bags and purses. Please allow additional time for entry and please plan accordingly.

Commencement Tickets

In accordance with established maximum occupancy regulations, there will be a limit of **6 guest tickets** for graduating candidates. Tickets can be picked up when you obtain your cap and gown at The College Store.

Masking is required for those not fully vaccinated and optional for those who are fully vaccinated and boosted. This is subject to change depending on evolving conditions and New York State health, safety and capacity guidelines. Visit oswego.edu/oswego-forward for more information.

Graduation Fair

Undergraduate and master degree candidates do not need to place a special order for their cap and gown.

The College Store presents Graduation Fair on Tuesday, April 5 in the campus center concourse. This is an opportunity for graduating seniors to easily complete details associated with upcoming commencement in one convenient location: purchase your cap and gown; receive 6 commencement tickets; order personalized graduation announcements and class rings through Herff Jones; have your portrait taken in a cap and gown; meet with representatives from Alumni Association, The Compass, Registrar's Office, and Graduate Studies.

If you are unable to attend the Graduation Fair, regalia will be available for purchase in the Marano Campus Center location from May 2 - May 14 (in Marano location), and online from April 29 - May 9 at oswego.edu/store. Please be sure to include height and degree to be awarded. Payment plus \$8.50 for shipping and handling is required at time of order.

Academic regalia is an integral part of the graduation ceremony. The different colors and styles denote the achievements of the wearers. Since graduation is the most important of SUNY Oswego's academic ceremonies, it is vital that all candidates for graduation are appropriately attired. Base prices for Bachelors Units are \$78.99 and \$92.99 for students in School of Communication, Media and Arts. Masters Units are \$99.99. Please call 315-312-5900 for additional prices; gowns recognizing Latin Honors may have additional costs.

The College Store offers custom graduation announcements that can be ordered online at collegegrad.herffjones.com. Generic announcements are available at The Campus Center College Store with a full line of diploma frames.

On commencement day, fresh flowers will be available before and after the ceremony in the Marano Campus Center. The Marano Campus Center College Store will be open on commencement day offering a full line of clothing and emblematic items.

Name Cards and Commencement Day Procedures

Name cards for having your name read at commencement and detailed procedures for commencement day must be picked up at The College Store with your cap and gown according to the instructions above.

Photographs

A professional photographer will be present at the ceremony. Graduates will be emailed a link from the photography company to view their photos and order at geneseephoto.com.

Commencement Reception

All graduating students, parents, guests, faculty and staff are invited and encouraged to attend a reception following each ceremony, to be held under the tent on the west side of the Marano Campus Center.

Disabled Persons

If a member of your family or a guest attending commencement has a physical disability that requires special seating or other arrangements, contact Accessibility Resource Services at 315-312-3358. Family members and guests who are disabled may be dropped off at the handicap accessible drop-off point on the west side of the Marano Campus Center.

Disabled drivers should report to the University Police officer directing traffic at the parking lot to the west (Penfield Library) side of the Marano Campus Center. Contact the usher at the door about special seating. People who need this special assistance should arrive at least 45 minutes prior to the ceremony.

If you, or a member of your family, or a guest attending commencement, has a hearing disability requiring interpreter services, please contact Accessibility Resource Services at 315-312-3358 before **May 6, 2022**.

Participation in Commencement

Undergraduate and graduate candidates completing requirements for degrees in December 2021, May 2022 and August 2022 are eligible to participate in the May 2022 commencement ceremony.

New York State Teaching Certificate

All graduating students who are eligible for teacher certification should visit oswego.edu/teachercert for information on how to apply for New York State teacher certification. The application can be completed before graduation. All eligible education candidates will receive an authorization form after degree verification. This form must be returned in order to be recommended by the college for teacher certification.

Commencement Honors

Honors listed in the commencement program are determined by grades earned at Oswego prior to the semester preceding graduation. An undergraduate student qualifies to be listed for honors in the commencement program if he or she has already earned at least 45 semester hours at Oswego prior to the spring semester and has a cumulative index of at least 3.30 based upon hours earned at Oswego. Honors designations are as follows:

Summa Cum Laude	3.80-4.00
Magna Cum Laude	3.60-3.79
Cum Laude	3.30-3.59

Honors indicated on diplomas and final transcripts include grades earned during the student's final semester. Graduate students are not eligible to graduate with honors.

Diplomas

The cost of the diploma is paid by the college. Diplomas will be mailed to the address indicated upon degree application. **Any change of address after degree application should be reported to the Registrar's Office. All obligations need to be cleared.** Mailings will usually be made following the final confirmation of candidates' records as follows:

May graduates	By the end of August
August graduates	By early October

Alumni Message

Upon graduation the main connection with SUNY Oswego will be through the Oswego Alumni Association. The Alumni Association offers a wide variety of programs and services for recent graduates. Networking, social and career programs through the Graduates Of the Last Decade (GOLD) and Local Lakers programs, reunions, financial benefits, virtual programming and regional alumni events around the country and discounted auto and homeowner's insurance are just a few of the services offered. The Alumni Association also offers a variety of volunteer opportunities for recent graduates to remain connected to Oswego.

Join *OswegoConnect* to tap into a powerful online alumni network of more than 90,000 Oswego alumni to network, find classmates, register for events and much more!

Graduates now have the option to keep oswego.edu email addresses forever, so the latest college news, invitations to events, *Oswego Alumni Magazine* and monthly *Lake Effect* alumni e-newsletter will never be missed. Keep an eye out for a subscription email near the end of each year to let us know that you are still utilizing your email account.

Visit alumni.oswego.edu for more information on all alumni programs and links to Oswego's social media channels. Activities during Senior Week and Commencement Eve will be announced separately. Contact the Alumni Office at 315-312-2258 or email alumni@oswego.edu for more information.

Career Services

Discovering the life you are meant to live and implementing strategies to successfully compete for that life — that is what Career Services is all about. A comprehensive resource portfolio and a team of professionals with a caring heart, unbeatable skills, and an "always aim higher" attitude work together to make students' dreams come true.

Our cutting edge industry model is one of the first in the SUNY system. They have categorized the world of work into several areas that include: Business and Communications; Healthcare and STEM; Communication, Media and the arts; and Education, Public and Human Services. Within each of these areas, we have a highly capable staff member creating a sphere of support for our students that spans the entire career development cycle and brings together faculty, alumni, employers, graduate school representatives, and much more. This results in more meaningful assistance and expertise for our students, better employer and graduate school connections, and tailored on and offline resources.

Our hi-tech resources are available to alumni for free, for life. The office offers the best career exploration and job search resources available on the market today; a digital analysis team to maximize your online presence, and a LinkedIn photo studio to enable your professionalism to shine.

Reminders

Before leaving the campus, graduates should make certain of the following:

1. A *Senior Check Form* has been completed with each advisor (undergraduates only) and must be on file in the Registrar's Graduation Office prior to the final graduation confirmation.
2. Correct address is on file for mailing of diploma.
3. All obligations, financial and otherwise, have been satisfied. Failure to satisfy all obligations will withhold mailing of your diploma and transcript.