



University of Dayton School of Law Graduation 2018 Frequently Asked Questions

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A Graduation Exercise Review will be held on Thursday, April 12 at noon in the Courtroom. It will be your chance to review your announced name, and the final seating arrangements for the graduation ceremony. If you cannot attend, please contact the Student Affairs Office.

When and where will the Baccalaureate Mass be held?

The service will be held on **Friday, May 4, 2018, at 5 p.m.** in the U.D. Immaculate Conception Chapel.

When will the commencement ceremonies take place?

Saturday, May 5, 2018, at 9:00 a.m.

Where will commencement be held?

The University of Dayton Arena.

Do my family and guests need tickets?

No. There are plenty of seats in the arena.

How may I obtain announcements?

You may purchase the official Dayton Law announcements from Jostens. Sample announcements are on display at the School of Law on the second floor across from the student mailboxes. You may also print your announcements or purchase them elsewhere.

How will I obtain regalia?

You will order the regalia through Jostens. Follow the link in the newsletter.

The website will be active until **February 15, 2018**. Regalia ordered through Jostens will be shipped to the School of Law and will be available for pick-up in the CSO's Office in April. The regalia are yours to keep.

When will I get my honors and/or pro bono cord?

Honors and pro bono cords are distributed with your regalia. If you submit your pro bono hours after gown pick up, you can pick up the cords from the Student Affairs Office.

Do not forget to bring your cord with you to the ceremony!

Remember: Final honors will not be announced during the graduation ceremonies. However, an announcement of tentative honors based on your cumulative grade point average at the end of the Fall 2016 Semester will be mentioned if you have achieved a cumulative grade point average which places you in the top 12% of the class. Tentative honors are announced for ceremonial purposes only and must not be included in resumes, or otherwise treated as official. Final honors will be announced and posted on the website by mid-June. The appropriate notation will be on your diploma. Final honors will be awarded as follows:

Top 2% Summa Cum Laude
Next 3% Magna Cum Laude
Next 7% Cum Laude

Can I wear extra cords or items during the ceremony?

No, caps and gowns may not be altered in any way. Academic regalia that may be worn at graduation includes caps, gowns, and only those honor cords, pro bono cords or LLM/MSL sashes that are distributed by the Dean of Students representative.

When must graduates be at the Arena?

Graduates are expected to be at the Arena and in line **no later than 8:15 a.m.!!!**

Where should I park?

Graduates, their families, and friends should park in Arena Parking **Lot B**, which is adjacent to the building.

Is handicapped parking available?

Yes. There are many slots adjacent to the Arena.

Is handicapped seating available?

Yes. If a member of your party has special needs, please contact the Student Affairs Office. The arena staff will be available to assist with special seating requests as well.

Where do I go when I arrive at the Arena?

Graduates should gather under the East Stands in the concession area. (Do not worry! Someone will be there to guide you!) Please leave your valuables (purses, cameras, etc.) with a friend or family member.

When you arrive in the concession area, look for your name on a sheet of paper hanging on the wall. There will be row lists taped to walls. You should stand near your name. The person whose name is at the top of the list should line up farthest from the wall. The person whose name is at the bottom of the list should line up next to the wall. **PLEASE** listen to staff members as they help you form the line.

NO STOPPING FOR PHOTOS DURING THE WALK TO THE FLOOR!!!

What should I wear under my gown?

Something light! The Arena is NOT air conditioned.

On what side do I place my tassel?

Place it on the **right side**. Dean Strauss will announce when everyone should switch it to the left side.

How long will the ceremony last?

Typically, the ceremony lasts under 90 minutes.

After the ceremony, will there be time to take photographs?

No. Due to the Arena hosting another Commencement following ours, we ask that you depart from the Arena **as soon as possible**. Your regalia are yours to keep, so photographs can also be taken at the reception at Keller Hall. The Courtroom will be open to anyone who wishes to have a photo taken there.

Where will the graduation reception take place?

The Atrium of Keller Hall.

May I bring guests to the reception?

Yes, your guests will have the opportunity to meet Dayton Law faculty, staff, fellow students, and all the new grads!

Where can we park for the reception?

You and your guests may park in any **single letter lot** near the school (**A, B, P, or S1**).

When will I receive my diploma?

You will **not** receive your diploma during the commencement ceremony.

DIPLOMAS WILL BE MAILED WITHIN EIGHT TO NINE WEEKS FOLLOWING GRADUATION.