

GRADUATION COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY MAY 14, 2022

McMurry University
Wilford Moore Stadium
10:00 a.m.

This following information concerns all events associated with your Commencement week-end and your most frequently asked questions. Contact the Registrar if you have additional questions or need more detailed information. (325.793.3808 / calvertc@mcm.edu)

Attendance at Graduation Events

Details are on page 3 of this document. Make arrangements NOW with your employer or others involved so that you can on the campus by 4:00 on Friday, May 13.

Cap & Gown and Announcements for Graduation

Graduation Announcements are not required, but can be ordered through Balfour at www.balfourcollege.com or by calling 1.877.225.3687.

Caps & Gowns (black) and Tassel (Maroon): Each graduate is responsible for obtaining the approved Cap, Gown, and Tassel. Click on the link below to order your cap & gown package online. It will be shipped directly to the address you provide on the order site.

<https://www.buildagrad.com/mcmu>

THIS ORDER SITE CLOSSES APRIL 1 – BE SURE YOU ORDER BY THEN!!!

Students completing coursework in the summer (August Graduates)

If your coursework will be completed in May Term or Summer 2022, you are a candidate for graduation in August 2022.

In order to participate (“walk”) in the May commencement ceremonies:

You must be enrolled by April 15 in all remaining courses in May Term, Summer I or II. Contact the Registrar if you are **not able** to register for summer by this date.

Guests for Graduation

There is no limit on the number of guests to invite. Masks are not required for Baccalaureate or Commencement. Guests and graduates are welcome to wear masks if they choose to do so.

Ceremony Decorum

The McMurry University Commencement ceremony is the formal recognition by the University of your achievement as a student. Please remember that any unwarranted personal celebrations during the ceremony are inappropriate. Please ask your guests to celebrate with you following the ceremony in such a way that will not detract from the dignity of the day.



What is (or is not) worn with the Cap & Gown?

(for the Rehearsal / Baccalaureate / Commencement ceremony):

1. STOLES, HOODS, CORDS

- a) Only **ACADEMIC** cords or honor hood **provided by McMurry University** can be worn with the gown.
- b) **NO individually selected stoles or decorations allowed on or with the gown. NO items associated with social clubs or any other non-academic organizations.**
- c) **The following approved academic cords and/or honor hood listed below can be worn:**
 - Nursing candidates may wear the pin awarded at the Pinning Ceremony.
 - Students graduating with honors may wear the cord and/or hood awarded by McMurry.
 - Students who are members of Alpha Chi or nationally recognized departmental honor societies may wear the society cords. ******

2. CAPS

- a) Writing, drawing, decoration is allowed on the top of the cap.
- b) The following is NOT allowed:
 - No attachments hanging from the cap or tassel.
 - Nothing of any kind deemed to be over the line of good taste.
- c) Failure to adhere to this policy will result in a new cap and the cost added to your charges with the University.

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****Cords for Academic National Honor Societies**

Members of nationally recognized academic honor societies are allowed to wear honor cords as part of their academic regalia.

Contact society sponsor to obtain the appropriate cord.

(The Registrar's office does not have cords for academic honor societies.)

Cords for Latin Academic Honors (Summa, Magna, Cum Laude)

Latin Honor Cords are provided for students graduating Summa Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, or Cum Laude, and will be available at the Registrar's office upon completing the Diploma Confirmation form previously emailed. Latin Honors require a GPA of 3.5 or higher and completion of a minimum 57 hours at McMurry University.

Graduating in Absentia

If it is not possible for you to participate, you must email the Registrar by April 15. Notification should be sent to Carolyn Calvert at registrar@mcm.edu.

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Graduation Events

ATTENDANCE REQUIRED AT THE FOLLOWING TIMES

(Must notify the Registrar by April 15 if you are unable to attend: see "Graduating in Absentia" in the above section)

1. **REHEARSAL** (All Graduates) (WEAR CAP & GOWN)
Kimbrell Arena, McMurry University. 4:00 pm, Friday, May 13, 2022.

Dress: Cap and Gown and approved Honor Cords

- **Men:** Dark slacks, shoes and socks are recommended. Dress shirt with collar and a tie look really nice.
- **Ladies:** Dress or dark slacks are recommended. (Tip for the ladies: bobby pins for the caps help greatly, and shoes that do not slip are recommended.)
- **Suggestion:** The tassel falls off easily. It helps to wrap the cord around the button a couple of times.

2. **BACCALAUREATE** (Undergraduates only) (WEAR CAP & GOWN)
Radford Auditorium. Friday, May 13, 2022.

Dress: Cap and Gown (as previously described)

Graduates have a tradition of processing across campus from the commencement rehearsal site to Baccalaureate. We will leave Kimbrell Arena at 5:00 p.m., followed by a processional to Baccalaureate.

Baccalaureate is an important part of the McMurry experience, and attendees should conduct themselves with proper decorum. Your parents and guests are encouraged to attend! The service begins at 5:30 and is approximately one hour in length.

Note: Only graduates participate in the processional and sit in the graduate section.

Please make arrangements for children and other family/friends to sit elsewhere in the audience.

3. **COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY** (ALL Graduates) (WEAR CAP & GOWN)
Students gather in Kimbrell Arena for processional Ceremony in Wilford Moore Stadium Saturday, May 14, 2022.

8:45 am - Kimbrell Arena – Robe and line-up for the processional.

9:45 am - Processional to stadium will begin.

10:00 am - Commencement Ceremony.

Dress: Cap and Gown as previously described

(No facilities will be available to store purses or other valuables. Ladies, make other arrangements for your purse. No items are carried in the processional and into the ceremony.)

[Ladies, you will be walking on the football field. Therefore flat or wedge heels are recommended.]

