Graduation Q&A
Presented by the CSUF Senior Experience Team

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GRAD CHECK
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Grad Check
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• **To Apply:** The grad check application form is available on your student portal under "self service." After successfully applying on-line for your grad check, you must go to the student financial services window in UH-180 to pay $115 graduation/diploma fee. Complete information and instructions about the entire graduation check process for undergraduates is available on the university website under "Graduation."
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- Undergraduate Candidates for the Baccalaureate must pay the $115 graduation/diploma fee and file a request for a grad check **two (2) semesters** prior to the semester in which they anticipate completing all requirements for a degree.

- What does the Grad Check fee of $115 pay for?
  - This fee pays for the cost of the diploma and the cost of the commencement ceremonies.

Questions regarding grad check status for undergraduates can be found on the student portal under the Titan Degree Audit (TDA). At the top of the page it states: "Degree Check Out Status." If they are a candidate it will say "candidate" and the anticipated date of graduation. If a student does not see that he has been designated a "candidate" the student may go to the "Student Center" section and look at the "to do" list to see if there is a step they have missed that remains to be done before they can be listed as a candidate.
VIDEO ORIENTATION
Commencement Video-MANDATORY
https://my.fullerton.edu/Commencement/welcome.aspx

• What is the Commencement Video and why do I have to watch it?
  – The Commencement video is a short 5 minute video all graduates must view in order to receive their Commencement tickets. The video provides an overview of Commencement festivities.

• Where do I watch the video?
  – The Commencement video is approximately 5 minutes long and can be watched from any computer online by visiting: https://my.fullerton.edu/commencement/.
Commencement Video - MANDATORY, continued
https://my.fullerton.edu/Commencement/welcome.aspx

• Do I have to view the video before picking up my tickets?
  – YES. Each graduate planning to attend the commencement ceremonies must view the orientation video and print out their confirmation page before picking up their guest tickets. Please print out your confirmation page and bring it with you, along with your Titan Card when you pick up your tickets. Tickets will not be released to the graduate until the system has received notification that he/she has completed this requirement. Please allow approximately 5 minutes to view the video and complete the questions that follow. https://my.fullerton.edu/commencement/

• Do I need to print something out to show proof that I watched the video?
  – YES. Please print out your confirmation page and bring it with you when you pick up your tickets.
GRADFEST
April 5-7
GradFest
fullerton.edu/commencement/graduates/#gradfest

• GradFest provides a one-stop graduation shopping experience.

• GradFest is the ideal opportunity to purchase and/or pick up:
  – Cap and gown
  – Pick up your Free Commencement 2011 tickets
  – Arrange photography appointments
  – Order announcements
  – Purchase a class ring
  – Join the CSUF Alumni Association

• Main Campus GradFest
  Date: 4/5- 4/7, 2011
  Location: Tent located in front of Titan Shops
  Time: 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

• What are the busiest hours during GradFest?
  – The busiest hours during GradFest are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
GradFest, continued
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• What are the payment options during GradFest to purchase items?
  – Cash, Check, Visa, Master card, Money orders, Traveler checks, and American Express.

• Is there an express line to pick up tickets only at GradFest (no need to purchase regalia)?
  – Titan Shops will provide an express lane for students interested in picking up only their guest tickets and parking passes for commencement – this line is qued at the main entrance of the tent on the left side.

• What if I can't attend GradFest?
  – You can still pick up your Commencement Tickets at the designated times and locations which we will talk about in a later slide. You also have the option to purchase/online order your grad merchandise at Titan Shops beginning the week of March 21.

  – Preview Video: GradFest
Commencement Tickets
fullerton.edu/commencement/graduates/tickets.html

• How many tickets will I be provided with?
  – Depending upon venue size and predicted attendance, graduates will receive between five and eight tickets for their guests. If you have further questions regarding tickets, contact your college coordinator.

• How is the amount of tickets determined?
  – By size of the graduation ceremony (graduates and guests expected) and the size of the venue.

• Do kids need tickets?
  – Children over 2 years of age will require a ticket at Commencement.

• Do I need my Titan Card to pick up my tickets?
  – YES-your TitanCard is linked to a database that confirms eligibility to graduate.
  – If a student does not currently have a TitanCard they do not need to purchase one. They simply need to go to TitanCard to pick up their tickets. TitanCard is the only ticket distribution location that has a database that can confirm their eligibility to graduate.
Commencement Tickets, continued
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• Am I guaranteed my tickets even if I don’t pick them up during GradFest?
  – Tickets are guaranteed through the DATE TBD cut-off date.

• Where can I get more tickets?
  – Visit the Commencement website regarding the issuance of extra tickets.

• Can I have my Commencement tickets mailed to me?
  – Restricted to those who are UNABLE to pick up tickets during GradFest or the ticket distribution dates listed above.
To request tickets by mail, download the Commencement Ticket form (PDF) from the Commencement website with detailed instructions.
Commencement Tickets, continued
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• Can I pick up tickets inside of the bookstore?
  – Tickets will not be available for pickup inside the bookstore. Tickets can be picked up at GradFest, Titan Card, the TSU Info Desk or the Irvine Campus.

• For double majors – are tickets issued to participate in both ceremonies? Can a student participate in both ceremonies?
  – If the ceremonies are on different days, then a graduate can pick up tickets for both ceremonies at Titan Card only. If the ceremonies both occur on one day, then the graduate needs to pick up for their preferred ceremony, also at Titan Card only.

• College ceremony seating – are seating arrangements able to be made or is seating on a first come first serve basis as is the university ceremony?
  – First come/first serve
Commencement Tickets, continued
fullerton.edu/commencement/graduates/tickets.html

• Where are all the locations where I can pick up tickets if I don’t want to pick them up during GradFest?

April 8 - May 1, 2011 – CSUF Main Campus
Monday-Thursday
Titan Card Office: 8 a.m. – 9 p.m.
TSU Info Desk: 7 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Friday
Titan Card Office: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
TSU Info Desk: 7 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Saturday
TitanCard Office: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday TSU Info Desk: 12 – 10 p.m.

April 8 - April 29, 2011 - Irvine Campus, IRVC-101
Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Friday: 8:30 a.m. – Noon
Commencement Parking
fullerton.edu/commencement/graduates/info.html#parking

• Do we need a parking permit the day of graduation?
  – Student parking permits will not be valid for on-campus parking on May 21 and 22. On-campus parking is restricted to carpools of 3 or more people per car who have a Commencement Parking Pass during Commencement Weekend (May 21, 22). You will be given 2 Commencement Parking Passes for your guests when you pick up your Commencement Tickets. Students are encouraged to carpool with their guests. Non-carpools and those without Commencement Parking Passes will be directed to near-by off-campus parking (ie. Troy HS, Western College of Law, Hope University, etc).

• Do we need to purchase a permit or is one provided to us? How many parking permits are provided?
  – You will be given 2 Commencement Parking Passes for your guests when you pick up your Commencement Tickets. Students are encouraged to carpool with their guests. Non-carpools and those without Commencement Parking Passes will be directed to near-by off-campus parking (ie. Troy HS, Western College of Law, Hope University, etc).
COMMENCEMENT

May 21-22
Commencement Ceremonies
fullerton.edu/commencement

• When is Commencement 2011?

• Is it mandatory to participate in commencement?
  – No, participation in commencement is optional

• What are the ceremonies like?
  – Cal State Fullerton’s commencement exercises consist of two ceremonies: the University Commencement Ceremony and the College Graduation Ceremony. They are both formal events. The University ceremony involves the President of the university and his cabinet, well-known keynote speakers and the conferring of degrees by President Gordon. The college graduations recognize each graduate and calls them to the stage to receive Certificates of Participation in the 2011 commencement ceremonies. More information can be found at www.fullerton.edu/commencement.
Commencement Ceremonies, continued
fullerton.edu/commencement

• What time does the University Commencement Ceremony begin?
  – The University Commencement Ceremony will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday and 8:00 a.m. on Sunday. Graduates should arrive no later than 7:00 a.m. and line up at the track North of the Titan Gymnasium. This ceremony should last approximately an hour and a half. The University Commencement Ceremony will take place on the lawn North of the Titan Gym.

• Who are the Keynote speakers for the University Commencement Ceremony?
  - Saturday, May 21, 2011: Tommy Lasorda, Executive for the Dodgers
  - Sunday, May 22, 2011: TBD

• What time do college ceremonies begin?
  – College graduations begin between 9:30 -10:00 a.m. Graduation date and location are organized based on your college. To find the date and location of your graduation ceremony, visit www.fullerton.edu/commencement after 11/2010.
Commencement Ceremonies, continued
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- Is it okay to participate in the ceremony for a minor rather than a major?
  - Tickets will only be available for the major. A student can participate in the ceremony for their minor if they can get tickets from their peers.

- Does my name get called out at the ceremonies?
  - Yes, at the College Graduation Ceremonies. A Graduate Name Card will be distributed with the guest tickets and parking passes at the ticket distribution sites in April. The card should be completed and brought to the college graduations. The card has spaces for the graduate's name, address, major, degree level, and date (month only) of degree completion. Please print the information legibly. Once on the platform at the college ceremony, graduates will hand this card to the reader. Graduates with names that are difficult to pronounce should suggest a phonetic alternative spelling to facilitate accurate pronunciation. Extra name cards will be available at graduate assembly areas before the college ceremonies.
Commencement Ceremonies, continued

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• Are there Keynote speakers for College Ceremonies?
  – Not usually. Each college has their own distinct ceremonies and some have student speakers, but there is rarely a keynote.

• Is there a reception?
  – Certain colleges and departments will host receptions following the college graduations. Please visit www.fullerton.edu/commencement to learn if your college or department plans to have a reception and the location of said reception.

  – Preview Video: University Commencement
CULTURAL CEREMONIES
May 7-14
Cultural Ceremonies
fullerton.edu/commencement/graduates/cultural.html

• When are the cultural ceremonies and is there a cost to attend the cultural ceremonies?
  – Each year, the University hosts cultural commencement ceremonies. These events complement the University Commencement by adding a unique multicultural dimension that celebrates our diverse student population and honors our graduates and their families. Leadership for these ceremonies is provided by faculty and staff associations, student leaders, clubs and organizations, and cultural resource centers. All graduating students are welcome to participate.

  – Cultural Ceremonies Include: Asian and Pacific Islander, LGBT Lavender Pride, Pilipino American, Pan-African, and the Chicano/Latino & Native American

• For further information on the Graduation Celebration please contact the Multicultural Leadership Center at 657-278-3211.
HONORS CONVOCATION
May 20
Honors Convocation

fullerton.edu/commencement/graduates/info.html#honors

- Who can participate in the Honors Convocation ceremony?
  - Award recipients, graduating President's Scholars, University Honors Program graduates, and summa cum laude honorees will be honored in May. Invitations will be sent in late April should you be a recipient. Participating students, faculty, and staff must wear appropriate academic regalia (caps and gowns).

- What is the distinction between Honors: Cum Laude, Magna, Summa?
  - Cum: 3.5-3.74 GPA; Magna: 3.75-3.89 GPA; Summa: 3.9-4.0 GPA at the end of Fall semester before graduation.

- Where do students pick up medallions if unable to attend the Honors Ceremony?
  - In their dean’s office
COMMENCEMENT DRESS ATTIRE
Commencement Dress Attire
fullerton.edu/commencement/graduates/info.html#dress

- Do I need to purchase a graduation cap and gown from the bookstore; can I wear my own cap and gown from previous graduations?
  - Students must purchase their cap, gown, and tassel. This academic regalia will be available for sale at the Titan Shops bookstore. In addition, regalia will be available for purchase at GradFest.
  - As long as the cap and gown are provided by the same vendor as the previous years. Titan Shops goes to bid every three years to secure the best pricing for our students and staff. Each vendor has different shades of black and size breaks on their gown. We are currently using Jostens as our cap and gown provider.
Commencement Dress Attire, continued

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• How many cords or medals can I wear?
  – As many as you have been honored with. All cords and medals must be university approved.

• What color tassel and/or hood am I suppose to purchase?
  – You can review the following link to determine which color tassel and hood to purchase: http://bookstore.fullerton.edu/features/grad_colors.htm
DIPLOMA

9 Weeks After Date of Graduation
How long after I graduate will I receive my diploma? Will I get it in the mail?

– Certificates of Participation are presented at the college/department commencement ceremonies. Diplomas will be ready approximately nine weeks after the effective date of graduation and will be mailed directly to each graduate. Please make sure the graduation unit has your current address on file. Padded diploma cases are available for purchase in the Titan Shops.

For double majors – are both degrees listed on the diploma or are two diplomas issued?

– Both degrees are listed on one diploma.
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
April 5-7
Alumni Association
fullerton.edu/alumni/gradfest

• What is the Alumni Association?
  – The Alumni Association keeps you connected to Cal State Fullerton after you graduate. They offer programs, events and services for members.

• What is a Tuffy Tote?
  – For $25 the Tuffy Tote bag Includes:
    • 2 year Alumni Association membership
    • License plate frame
    • Coupons for Titan Shops, Senior Pictures and more
    • Online career services
    • 3-Free one day parking passes
    • Alumni e-newsletters
    • Auto and medical insurance discounts and much more!
Where can I pick up my Tuffy Tote?
   - You can pick up your Tuffy Tote at the Alumni Association table at GradFest or at the Alumni House through Commencement.
   *It is advised to bring your receipt with you when picking up your Tote.

Can I order the tote online?
   - YES. Visit www.fullerton.edu/alumni/gradfest to reserve your tote.
   - The GradFest website will be live in early Spring.
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GradZone: fullerton.edu/alumni/gradzone

Commencement: fullerton.edu/commencement

CSUF Graduation 2011 – Facebook Group