



WINSTON-SALEM
STATE UNIVERSITY

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

May 13, 2022

Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum
2825 University Parkway
Winston-Salem, NC 27105



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The in-person graduation ceremony will begin promptly and is expected to last no more than two hours. The ceremony will be streamed live at: www.livestream.com/wssummts/commencement2022

GRADUATES INFORMATION

Graduation Degree Requirements include a student having met all academic requirements for the spring 2022 semester and not have any pending charges, active suspensions or dismissals by the Student Honor Court. The graduation fee of \$50 is automatically charged to student accounts. Graduates must clear with the Student Accounts Office, 200 Thompson Center. Make sure there are no outstanding charges. Students also need to check with Campus Police and the O'Kelly Library to clear any outstanding fines or debts.

It is mandatory for seniors who have received a student loan to complete the exit counseling questionnaire online. The entire loan counseling session will probably take about an hour. The website <https://studentloans.gov> is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If you have questions regarding repayment or loan forbearance, please contact the Department of Education at 1-800-433-3243. For further information, please contact the Financial Aid Office at 336-750-3296.

Exit interviews for seniors who receive funds from the Federal Perkins and University Loans need to be completed online at <https://www.mappingyourfuture.org/oslc/>. For further information, contact the Student Accounts Office, 200 Thompson Center or schedule a virtual one on one session. Completing the Graduating Senior Survey is also required prior to graduation. Responses help the university better understand the student experience at WSSU. Diplomas will not be mailed to graduates until the Graduation Survey is completed. Graduating students on 16 campuses of the University of North Carolina system participate in this survey which is at [SENIOR SURVEY](#) (Undergraduate Students Only). The [GRADUATE STUDENT SURVEY](#) (Masters and Doctoral Students) Please contact Institutional Assessment and Research at 336-750-8036 if you have any questions.

Post-Graduation Plans Survey-as you embark on this exciting new chapter in your life, the Office of Career Development would like to hear about the path you have chosen to take after graduating from WSSU. The [First Destination Survey](#) is a brief online survey that asks about what graduating students are doing or plan to do upon graduating from WSSU. With the information you share, we will work to enhance services provided to all WSSU alumni as well as current and future RAMS to help you reach your career and post-graduation goals. If you have any questions about the survey, please contact Dr. Zebedee Tally at talleyz@wssu.edu or 336-750-3240.



After April 30, 2022, graduating students must register with the **Winston-Salem State University Alumni Relations Office**. Please follow the steps below to register:

1. Go to - [Alumni Engagement](#)
2. Scroll down to - Alumni Update Form
3. Please complete the form in its entirety. It will be automatically sent to Alumni Engagement. For further information, contact The Office of Alumni Engagement at alumniengagement@wssu.edu.

Out of an abundance of caution and managing congregate crowds, commencement rehearsal will not be held. All participants are asked to continue to monitor their emails, the commencement website and social media for details regarding day of logistics.

Student parking will be in the Sierra Mist lot (see map for locations).

Students participating in the Commencement processional should begin arriving two hours prior to their ceremony. Since traffic will be heavy, please leave enough time to park and consider carpooling. The processional will begin promptly at the stated ceremony time. No one will be allowed to join the graduates once they are seated. Please refer to the permissible and prohibited items list all attendees must comply.

Honors and Military cords will be mailed to graduates when they RSVP their attendance. Graduates who do not plan on attending the ceremonies will have their cords mailed with their diplomas.


Information on pre-graduation events may be found in the schedule on the last page.

Diploma and official transcript will be mailed within six weeks of the graduation date. If a graduate has any hold on their record, the diploma and transcript will not be mailed. The diploma will be mailed to the address provided on the application for graduation. Likewise, the name that is printed on the diploma is the name entered on the application for graduation. If you wish to change your name or address, please contact the Office of the Registrar by email at Graduation_Services@wssu.edu.

Diplomas are shipped through the United States Postal Service. It is important you provide the mailing address on your graduation application that reflects where you will be living two months after graduation rather than where you are currently living. Diploma covers will be mailed to those graduates who do not attend in person, upon request. Requests can be emailed to Graduation_Services@wssu.edu.

If your diploma is damaged in the mail or is incorrect, please email Graduation_Services@wssu.edu.

An official photographer will be on site. Gradimages will be taking photographs of all graduates at the Commencement Ceremony. They will be located on the field as you exit the stage. You may pre-register your information prior to the ceremony at their website, www.gradimages.com, or you may order photographs after the ceremony either online or by call 800-261-2576. By registering early, photo samples will be provided to you as soon as they are available after the event and you can get a \$5 off coupon on orders of \$25 or more.



After Commencement, all residence halls will close at 12 noon on Saturday, May 14, 2022. The Office of Information Technology is happy to provide an extension to the use of some of the applications to which you have become accustomed. Please be sure to read communications from the Office of Information Technology for important changes regarding your access to WSSU IT resources and applications after graduation. We recommend that you create a new or use an existing personal email account for paying bills, applying for jobs, signing up for services, etc. to ensure you do not lose access to those services when your WSSU email access ends.

We also encourage you to visit our [Graduating Seniors](#) page for additional information.

FACULTY INFORMATION

Faculty regalia, including cap and hood, is required for participation in the Commencement Ceremony. If you need to order academic regalia, please visit the [Herff Jones website](https://academicregalia.herffjones.com/School/index) (<https://academicregalia.herffjones.com/School/index>) to place your order. Normal delivery for online orders is six weeks; there is the option to use express delivery which can take 10 business days.

Faculty parking will be in the Mountain Dew parking lot. Please plan to arrive no later than one hour before the ceremony as heavy traffic is expected.

Faculty participating in the ceremony will be seated approximately 30 minutes prior to the ceremony. Please refer to the permissible and prohibited items list that all attendees must comply. ***Please note: Currently, there are no specific Covid-19 restrictions or requirements for commencement; however, we strongly encourage all participants to wear masks while seated throughout the entirety of the program.***

GUEST INFORMATION

The Commencement Ceremonies will be held at the LJVM Coliseum. Please plan to arrive early as heavy traffic is expected. ***Please note: Currently, there are no specific Covid-19 restrictions or requirements for commencement; however, we strongly encourage all participants to wear masks while seated throughout the entirety of the program.***

Seating access will begin two hours before the ceremony begins. Commencement will begin promptly.

The LJVM Coliseum has over 2,500 on-site parking spaces. Additional parking is available across Deacon Boulevard adjacent to Truist Field. For safety, fans parking in the Truist Field lots should utilize the pedestrian tunnel running under Deacon Boulevard to access the LJVM Coliseum.

Handicap Parking

Handicap car and van accessible parking spaces are designated near the entrances of the LJVM Coliseum. Parking lot attendants are on duty during events to help direct patrons with appropriate credentials to the defined spaces. All handicap parking is subject to availability.

A limited number of wheelchairs will be available for free check-out with valid identification.

There will be an interpreter on stage for the hearing impaired. The interpreter will be visible on the large screens.

Winston-Salem State University will employ certain regulations and procedures to promote and ensure a safe and positive experience for all. Please note the below information regarding admission to the venue.

All guests are subject to security screenings before entering the venue. These screenings may include, but are not limited to, metal detection, visual inspection, and bag checks. Guests with prohibited items will be permitted to return these items to their vehicles. Items left at any entrance and/or exit of LJVM Coliseum will be discarded by facility personnel.



ALLOWABLE AND PROHIBITED ITEMS AT THE VENUE

All bags brought to the commencement venue must meet the description of a permissible bag.

PERMISSIBLE BAGS ARE:

- Bags that are un-tinted and clear plastic, vinyl or PVC and do not exceed 12" x 6" x 12"; or
- One-gallon clear plastic freezer bags (Ziploc or similar); or
- Small clutch bags, approximately the size of a hand (4.5" x 6.5");
- Exceptions to bags may be granted for medically-necessary items, working personnel, and media.

All bags, including permissible bags, are subject to search by the university or event staff prior to entry. Any prohibited item will be immediately confiscated to ensure the safety and security of other guests, graduates, and staff.

In order to ensure the safety and security of other guests, graduates, and staff, the following items are **strictly prohibited** inside entrance to the venue and will be immediately confiscated:

- Alcoholic beverages
- Artificial noise makers
- Bags that do not meet permissible bag standards
- Coolers or containers
- Explosives, firearms, or weapons of any kind (weapons carried with a permit are prohibited)
- Helium balloons
- Illegal drugs
- Laser pointers
- Outside food or beverages
- Signs, banners, flags, or other items that could possibly obstruct the view of another guest, or could serve as a projectile or security risk
- Umbrellas
- Strollers
- Pets, with the exception of Service Animals as defined by federal law
- Anything deemed hazardous or unsafe by police or event staff



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WSSU COMMENCEMENT PARKING MAP

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS *(More events will be added as they become available.)*

NOW	Order Academic Regalia and/or announcements at Herff Jones .
April 29, 2022	Students who received federal student loans, complete exit counseling at www.studentloans.gov Complete financial clearance process by this date
April 29, 2022	Complete Surveys: Undergraduate Senior Survey Graduate Student Survey Post-graduation Plans Survey (Destination Survey) Register with Alumni Relations Office

SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES 2022 SPRING PINNING AND AWARDS CEREMONIES

May 11, 2022	Healthcare Management (Virtual) 5:30 p.m.
May 12, 2022	Clinical Laboratory Sciences (Virtual) 6 p.m.
May 14, 2022	Therapeutic Recreation (Virtual) 4 p.m.

May 13, 2022	Commencement Exercises – All Undergraduate & Graduate Students Spring 2022 – 9:45 a.m. LJVM Coliseum
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