Congratulations to the Economics and Business Economics majors who have already earned their UCLA degree and to those who will be completing their degree in 2022 on your upcoming graduation!

The information below should answer most of the questions that you might have about the Department of Economics commencement, please read the information below carefully.

**What is the difference between “graduating” and “participating in a commencement ceremony”?**

Students can graduate (have completed all requirements for their degree and have stopped taking classes) during any quarter of the year. Then, approximately a month and a half after they have declared their Degree Expected Term (through MyUCLA), their degree will be posted on their UCLA transcript.

Commencement ceremonies occur only once per year, and you are invited to participate in these ceremonies if you earned your degree in Fall, Winter, or you will be completing your degree in Spring quarter or Summer. Students who plan to complete their degree the following Fall might be eligible to submit a Special Inclusion Petition (SIP).

This is the time for you to be publicly recognized for your scholastic achievements at UCLA in front of your friends and family. Participating in any commencement activities does NOT guarantee that you will earn a degree. You should consult a UCLA College and/or your departmental counselor for detailed information on satisfying your degree requirements.

**Where can I get info on the College of Letters and Science Graduation Ceremony?**

For information regarding the College of Letters & Science Main Ceremonies and other departmental and school ceremonies: [UCLA Commencement Schedule 2022](https://www.ucla.edu/commencement)

The Letters & Science Ceremonies have different rules from the Department of Economics ceremony as to who can attend and how many guests you can invite.

**When and where and how long is the Economics Commencement?**

The Department of Economics Commencement will be held on Saturday, June 11, 2022, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Pauley Pavilion.

**Who may participate in this ceremony?**

Economics, Business Economics, and Mathematics/Economics majors who graduated in Fall 2021, Winter 2022, and degree candidates for Spring and Summer 2022 may participate. Students who will complete their degree in Fall 2022 and whose Special Inclusion Petition (SIP) has been approved by the College may also participate.

Note that the ceremony for all Mathematics majors takes place on Sunday, June 12, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in Court of Sciences. Mathematics/Economics majors are welcome to participate in the Department of Economics ceremony instead.

**When will I receive information about the ceremony?**

Information regarding the Department of Economics Commencement is included in this FAQ. Any other additional information will be sent out via the Department of Economics undergraduate listserv.
Do I need a student ticket to attend the ceremony? Do each of my guests need a ticket?
Yes, you need to order a student ticket to attend the ceremony. Show the ticket’s QR code to security when you are entering the UCLA Tennis Center’s Gate B. **Please save a screenshot of the QR code on your phone and have it ready to be scanned by security.** If you do not have a smartphone, you should print out your student ticket, including the QR code, and have it ready to show security.

You will need to “RSVP” that you will be attending at the same time that you order guest tickets online. That will activate the system so that you receive a student ticket when ticket distribution begins.

Each graduate can order up to 30 guest tickets, with a maximum of ten wait-listed tickets. The first four tickets are complimentary but still must be ordered. You may order additional tickets for $20 each (charged to your Bruin Bill). You will need to indicate your participation, reserve your complimentary tickets, and purchase any additional tickets through the MyUCLA ticketing system.

All tickets for the Department of Economics Commencement will be virtual tickets. You will receive email messages from tickets@cto.ucla.edu that contain links to your tickets. You will receive one message per ceremony for each graduate ticket and one message per ceremony for each of your guest tickets. Be sure to check the email account you have on MyUCLA, and check your spam folder if not received.

What will I do after arriving at the ceremony location? What am I allowed to bring with me?
When you arrive at the Tennis Center’s Gate B, you will need to show your student ticket. You may also be asked to open your gown for security purposes.

You will be handed a name card, to be used for the purpose of reading your name during the ceremony. Please proceed to the tennis court for assembly, where you will find tables with pencils that you can use to fill out your card. Make sure that you complete both sides before the processional into Pauley and that you keep the card in your possession.

**Bags and other items will not be allowed in Pauley, bring only your phone with you.** Bottles, beach balls, helium balloons, silly string, etc., will also not be allowed in Pauley, and everyone entering the venue will be checked.

Graduates do not have to line up in any particular order. If you want to sit with certain people, make sure that you line up with them for the processional.

Students graduating with Academic Excellence, with Departmental Honors, and as a Departmental Scholars Program Student will be contacted on or before June 8 with information on how to lead the processional.

What will happen during the ceremony?
Graduating students will be seated in chairs on the floor of Pauley Pavilion. Your row will then be directed to step forward and hand your name card to the reader. You will then walk across the stage. An individual photo of each graduate will be taken during the ceremony.

You will also have the opportunity to hear our keynote speaker, Doug Pak. Mr. Pak is a serial entrepreneur and a seasoned executive in chain restaurant and franchise businesses.
**Will I receive my diploma during the ceremony?**
Your diploma will not be handed to you at the ceremony. It will be available for mailing or pick-up at the Office of the Registrar a few months after degrees are posted.

**Can photos be taken at the ceremony?**
Family members and guests will not be allowed on the floor of Pauley Pavilion, where the graduating students will be seated; however, they will be able to take photos from their seats. A photography company called GradImages will be taking individual photos of each student during the name recognition portion of the ceremony. These photos will be available for purchase after the ceremony.

**Should I wear my cap and gown to the graduation event?**
Yes! Please make sure to wear your cap and gown to the Department of Economics Commencement. You can order your regalia from ASUCLA's Graduation Etc. Visit them online: uclastore.com

**Will there be a rehearsal for the Economics Commencement Ceremony?**
No, there will not be a rehearsal for the Economics Commencement Ceremony.

**Where can I get information about parking for graduation?**
Current UCLA permit holders may park in their assigned lot during commencement without additional costs. You can pre-purchase parking passes for your guests. The UCLA Central Ticket Office will sell Pre-Paid Commencement Parking Permits beginning in May ($14 per permit). The UCLA Central Ticket Office is open from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday-Friday. The closest parking lots to Pauley Pavilion are Lot 7 and Lot 8.

**Where can I find other commencement information, e.g., directions to UCLA, campus maps, hotels, etc.?**
See UCLA Commencement Website: Commencement 2022 FAQs

**Will provisions be made for my physical disabilities or those of my guests?**
If you have a disability that will limit your mobility inside Pauley, please contact the Department of Economics undergraduate counseling office via the MyUCLA Message Center ASAP so we can be prepared for your participation in the ceremony. Title the message: “Mobility Issue for June 11.”

If you have a guest with a disability, call the Office for Students with Disabilities at (310) 825-1501 (voice), or (310) 206-6083 (TDD), ASAP to receive information about parking and other assistance at the Commencement. Sign language interpreters are available upon request.

Guests with wheelchairs, disabilities or strollers are encouraged to arrive early so as to be seated in the appropriate area of Pauley Pavilion. Pauley will not be supplying wheelchairs to guests.

**What – if any – services are being provided for ADA guests?**
If someone is being dropped off in an ADA van - the Lot 7 height clearance is 8'2". If the driver of the van wants to park and it is less than that height of Lot 7 - it can do so in Lot 7 in an ADA space or a regular parking space. If parking in an ADA space - you must have a handicap placard and you still need to pay for the parking space. If are just dropping off the passengers – you should drop off them off at Gateway Plaza at the turn around at the end of Westwood Plaza.

There are no ADA graduation tickets. There are just tickets. ADA guests and their families can enter through the northeast door at Pauley that is specifically for ADA guests and their families but they can enter from any door if they like. The guests do not have to use the northeast door. I would just suspect the line for that door would be shorter.

There are platforms inside Pauley where ADA guests can sit and they are provided one chair for their companion. The rest of the guests can sit in the reserved two rows in front of the platform that are held for the ADA guest families. Even though they are reserved - these are first come first serve seats, so we can’t guarantee they will get all the seats they need together. Finally - Pauley will not be supplying wheelchairs to guests.

**Will the graduating students and their guests need to wear masks on June 11?**

Yes – while indoors. A message was sent to all members of the UCLA community on May 26 by the UCLA COVID-19 Response and Recovery Task Force stating that all attendees to indoor commencement ceremonies must wear masks indoors throughout the entire event. Graduates may momentarily remove their masks while walking across the stage and while being photographed on or adjacent to the stage.