



STUDENT COMMENCEMENT GUIDE – 2018

DATE

Saturday, September 23, 2017

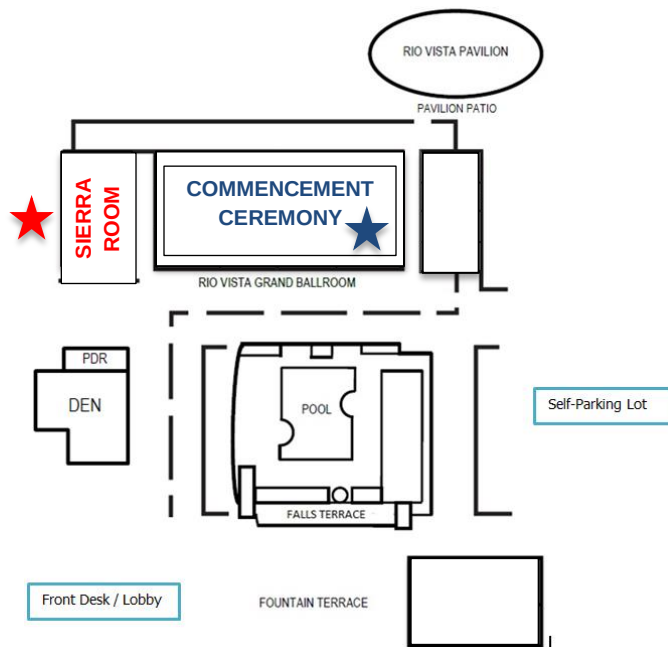
LOCATION ADDRESS

San Diego Marriott Mission Valley
8757 Rio San Diego Drive
San Diego, CA 92108

GUESTS ★
Rio Vista Grand Ballroom

STUDENT CHECK IN ★
Sierra Room

VENUE



PARKING OPTIONS

- Self Parking: \$5 per car
- Valet Parking: \$12 per car
- Free parking available in the business complex next to the hotel

TIMELINE

- 9:00 AM** Students must check-in and assemble in the Sierra Room
Doors open to guests at the Rio Vista Grand Ballroom
- 10:00 AM** Procession Starts
- 10:15 AM** Ceremony Starts

USU EXPECTATIONS

Check-in & Arrival:

Students are expected to check-in and assemble in the Sierra Room at 9:00AM and are discouraged from leaving the assembly room once checked in.

Personal belongings cannot be left behind in the assembly area; USU Staff is not responsible for any lost or stolen items.

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Check-in & Arrival: (cont.)

The procession will start promptly at 10:00 AM. Students who have not checked in by the start of the procession will not be able to participate in Commencement.

Attire:

Students are encouraged to dress in business casual attire under their regalia (cap and gown) and to press or steam their regalia to ensure there are no folds or wrinkles visible. Master's candidates must bring and carry their hoods on their right arms throughout the event until they are hooded during the ceremony.

Tassels are worn on the right side. At the end of the ceremony, the President will direct graduates to move their tassel to their left side.

Cords for students receiving Academic Honors will be distributed upon check in and should be worn around students' necks over their gown with the ends hanging evenly in front.

Undergraduate Students

Summa Cum Laude graduates hold a GPA of 3.80-4.00.

Magna Cum Laude graduates hold a GPA of 3.65-3.79.

Cum Laude graduates hold a GPA of 3.50-3.64

Graduate Students

Graduate students who with a cumulative grade point average of 3.7 or above will be eligible for graduation honors and awarded the status of "With Distinction."

Diplomas:

Actual diplomas with hard diploma covers will be mailed to students 60-90 days after students' final grades have been posted and a degree audit processed. Paper diploma covers given during the ceremony are to be kept by the students.

VENUE RULES

Please no pets, blow horns, megaphones, confetti, laser lights, fireworks/sparklers, or candles. Chewing gum is also prohibited inside the venue.

Smoking is only permitted 20 feet away from the buildings per California State Law.

Compliance with all fire codes and regulations is required. Doorways and exits are not to be blocked or obstructed.

LOCAL RESTAURANTS

Many restaurants are conveniently located in the surrounding Mission Valley and Fashion Valley areas.