

Top 5 Things to Know About UNC Asheville Commencement



1 Commencement Ceremony Time and Location

Commencement will take place on **Saturday, May 10 at 10 a.m. in Kimmel Arena.**

2 Preparing for Commencement

- Pick up your cap and gown at the Bookstore in Highsmith Student Union, open Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.
- Pick up your guest tickets from now until May 9 at the Highsmith Front Desk. If you do not pick up your tickets in advance, they will be available at the Kimmel Arena Box Office on Commencement Day for your guests to claim starting at 8 a.m.
- Please check your UNCA email for the Commencement Ceremony Rehearsal Video, which will be sent out prior to Commencement with instructions for the ceremony.

3 Pre-Commencement Celebrations

University Honors and Departmental Distinctions Celebration

Friday, May 9 at 4 p.m. in the Blue Ridge Room, Highsmith Student Union

Departmental Distinctions will be announced, and Latin Honors recipients will receive their cords at this ceremony. Students who will receive University Honors and Departmental Distinctions will be emailed an invitation to attend this ceremony.

First Generation College Student Celebration

Friday, May 9 at 6 p.m. in the Blue Ridge Room, Highsmith Student Union

First Generation College Students: bring your supporters and get ready to celebrate all your hard work on May 9! Graduates will receive a cord signifying their status as the first in their family to graduate with a 4-year degree. Graduates must register for this ceremony. Please email Abby Genter at agenter@unca.edu for details.

4 Reporting to the Commencement Ceremony

Graduates must arrive at the Student Recreation Center (SRC) between 8:30-9 a.m. dressed in your cap and gown. The procession will begin from the SRC at 9:40 a.m. Graduate parking will be available in lots P9 and P12 on a first-come, first-served basis. Please display or wear your cap so parking attendants will know to direct you to reserved graduate lots.

5 Guest Information

- Doors for Commencement will open at 8 a.m.
- Parking will be available for guests on campus. Please instruct your guests to pay attention to signage and attendants who will direct guests to available parking lots.
- Accessible parking spaces will be available in P9 and P11. Attendants will direct guests to these spaces.
- Kimmel Arena has a clear bag policy. Guests should make arrangements to secure items prior to entering the arena.

For more information, please visit the [UNC Asheville Commencement website.](#)