

COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION - MAY 2020

Rehearsal and Commencement Dates and Times

Commencement rehearsal 2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m., Friday, May 8
(School of Arts and Humanities; School of Bible and Ministry; School of Business and Technology)

Commencement rehearsal 3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m., Friday, May 8
(School of Sciences and Allied Health; School of Social Sciences and Education)

Blessing service (all students; see below) 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., Friday, May 8

Commencement 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Saturday, May 9
(School of Arts and Humanities; School of Bible and Ministry; School of Business and Technology)

Commencement 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., Saturday, May 9
(School of Sciences and Allied Health; School of Social Sciences and Education)

Seeger Memorial Chapel (Mary B. Martin Auditorium) is the location for the events listed above. Rehearsal begins in Walker Auditorium on the lower level of the building. Students should wear everyday attire for commencement rehearsal and graduation regalia (cap and gown) for the commencement ceremony. Attendees for the Blessing Service will be most comfortable in Sunday worship attire.

Tickets

At commencement rehearsal, each graduate will receive eight tickets for his or her commencement ceremony. (Students who do not plan to participate in the ceremony will not receive tickets.) Ticket holders may enter the chapel at 9:00 a.m. for the 10:00 ceremony and at 1:00 p.m. for the 2:00 ceremony. Ticket holders will not be allowed to save seats for non-ticket holders, but doors will open for general seating at 9:45 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. Guests who are unable to find seats in the chapel may watch a live broadcast in the Gregory Center theatre.

Childcare

Childcare will be provided free of charge in the Runner classroom (downstairs on the mid-level) during both commencement ceremonies and the blessing service. Parents of young children are encouraged to take advantage of this service.

Weekend Events

Friday noon events

The Student Development staff will host a picnic (location TBA) for graduates and faculty at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, May 8. All graduates are welcome to attend. At 11:30, Emmanuel Christian Seminary will host a luncheon for seminary graduates in the seminary library/Library Conference Suite.

Blessing Service

All graduates, families, faculty, and staff are invited and encouraged to attend “Benediction: A Service of Blessing for Our Graduates,” a worship service led by faculty and students. The service will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 8, in Seeger Chapel. Tickets are not required.

Dining hall on Saturday

The McCormick Dining Center will serve lunch from 11:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 9. Lunch offerings include a hot buffet, a salad bar, a pizza bar, and a deli bar. The price per adult is \$7.00. Children ages five through ten may eat for \$3.00 each, and children ages four and under may eat for free.

Graduation Regalia and Announcements

Graduation regalia (cap, gown, and tassel) will be available in the bookstore beginning April 2. The price (plus tax) for undergraduate regalia is \$46.95; the price for graduate regalia is \$88.95, and the price for doctoral regalia is \$113.95. A hood is included in the regalia price for graduate and doctoral students and will be presented at the commencement ceremony.

Graduation announcements and time/place cards are available in the bookstore for \$8.99 plus tax per package of five.

Online Streaming

Both ceremonies will be broadcast online at www.milligan.edu/streaming.

Federal Loan Counseling Information

Students enrolled in traditional undergraduate programs who borrowed federal loans are required to complete federal loan counseling. A Student Financial Services representative will contact students with information regarding requirements for loan counseling. Students with questions may contact Kimberly Harness at 423.975.8050 or Amanda Sheppard at 423.461.8967.

Honors (Undergraduate students only)

Honors are computed based on the anticipated cumulative undergraduate grade point average at the end of the spring 2020 semester. (Cum Laude: 3.5 – 3.74; Magna Cum Laude: 3.75 – 3.94; Summa Cum Laude: 3.95 – 4.0). Students will receive their honor cords at commencement rehearsal. **Honors calculations are based on the cumulative GPA from the official transcript, which is truncated at the thousandths place. (The GPA on the student transcript in Self-Service is truncated at the hundredths place.)**

Release of Diplomas

Only students who have met all obligations (parking tickets, financial, academic, testing, library, etc.) receive diplomas.

Accessible Seating

To make arrangements for guests with special seating needs, contact Stacy Dahlman using the contact information below.

Questions? Contact Stacy Dahlman, Associate Dean for Academic Administration and Registrar, at srdahlman@milligan.edu or 423-461-8681.