



COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION - MAY 2021

Commencement: Date, Time, and Location (all graduates)

Saturday, May 1, 2021

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

TVA Credit Union Ballpark
111 Legion Street, Johnson City, TN 37601

Commencement Rain Plan: Date, Times, and Location

Undergraduates (Last Name A – K)	10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Undergraduates (Last Name L – Z)	1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
All Graduate Students	4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Seeger Memorial Chapel (Mary B. Martin Auditorium) is the location for the **rain plan** ceremonies. If the University implements the rain plan, students will be notified by 6:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 1.

Tickets – Outdoor Ceremony (4 tickets per graduate)

Each graduate will receive **four tickets** for the ceremony at TVA Credit Union Ballpark. Students who do not plan to participate in commencement will not receive tickets. Ticket holders may enter the stadium at 9:00 a.m. Based on COVID constraints, only ticket holders may attend, and extra tickets are not available. The ceremony will be streamed online at www.milligan.edu/streaming.

Tickets – Rain Plan Ceremonies (2 tickets per graduate)

Each graduate will receive **two tickets** for the rain plan ceremonies in Seeger Memorial Chapel (Mary B. Martin Auditorium). Students who do not plan to participate in commencement will not receive tickets. Ticket holders may enter the chapel one hour before each ceremony begins. Based on COVID constraints, only ticket holders may attend, and extra tickets will not be available. The ceremonies will be streamed online at www.milligan.edu/streaming.

Ticket Distribution

Undergraduate students will pick up their tickets in the Registrar's Office (Derthick Hall, Room 103) on or after **April 1** unless they request that their tickets be mailed. (Contact Stacy Dahlman at srdahlman@milligan.edu.)

Graduate students will receive their tickets by mail on or after April 1.

COVID-19 Protocols

Masks will be required for all attendees. Family groups may sit together, and groups of seats will be marked for physical distancing. All elements of the service will be adjusted to ensure safety. For the rain plan ceremonies, facilities will be cleaned and sanitized between services.

We regret that we are unable to provide childcare based on pandemic-related safety concerns.

Graduation Regalia and Announcements

Graduation regalia (cap, gown, and tassel) will be available in the bookstore beginning April 9. 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 set for graduate and doctoral students.

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

All graduates should wear their caps, gowns, and tassels to the ceremony. Graduate students should bring their hoods to the ceremony and carry them in the graduation line. Graduate program directors will hood the students as they cross the stage.

Friday Picnic

The Student Development staff will host a picnic (location TBA) for graduates and faculty at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, April 30. All graduates are welcome to attend.

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 Will Grable (WCGrable@milligan.edu or 423.461.8967) or Erica Stone (EMStone@milligan.edu or 423.975.8050).

Honors (Undergraduate students only)

Honors are computed based on the anticipated cumulative undergraduate grade point average at the end of the spring 2021 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 when they pick up their tickets in the Registrar's Office. **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.