

# Graduate Information Session

Congratulations Class of 2023!

Brought to you by the Office of the Registrar & the Commencement Team

*This session is being recorded and will be available to view on the Commencement website.*



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# Land Acknowledgement

The land on which we gather is the unceded territory of the Awaswas-speaking Uypi Tribe. The [Amah Mutsun Tribal Band](#), comprised of the descendants of indigenous people taken to Santa Cruz and San Juan Bautista missions during Spanish colonization of the Central Coast, is today working hard to restore traditional stewardship practices on these lands and heal from historical trauma.



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# Graduation vs. Commencement

Commencement is different from graduation. Graduation is the official acknowledgment that a student's course of study is complete and, with that, a degree conferred. Commencement is the celebration that graduation has, or will soon occur.

You will need to **apply to graduate** and **register for commencement** separately.



# Eligibility Requirements to Graduate

**Undergraduate Students Eligibility Requirements** - To apply to graduate for a bachelor's degree, you must file to apply by the deadline stated in the [Academic and Administrative Calendar](#).

**Graduate Students Eligibility Requirements** - Please visit the [Division of Graduate Students](#) webpage for more information.



# Academic & Administrative Calendar

## Upcoming Spring Dates

### **Undergraduates (Spring) -**

May 5: Deadline to apply with no fee *(late deadlines have fees associated)*

June 15: Deadline to complete all requirements

If you want to transfer coursework from another institution, the other institution's end of term date must come before UC Santa Cruz's end of term date or be the same date.

### **Graduates -**

June 2: Deadline to complete all requirements for degree

*Deadlines and dates change depending on the term, please refer to the Academic & Administrative Calendar.*



# Graduation

You apply to graduate the term you will complete your degree program requirements. Once grades are official for your final term, the Major Department Advisor and Office of the Registrar reviews your student record. You will be contacted if your degree is conferred or additional requirements remain.

***Note: Graduation requirements are different for Graduate students. Contact the Graduate Division for more information.***

## MyUCSC

It is important to have all information in [MyUCSC](#) up to date, which includes Preferred Name, Mailing Address, etc.



# Diplomas

Diplomas are mailed three to four months after the graduation date to the permanent mailing address on record with the Office of the Registrar (MyUCSC).

Diplomas will have the exact conferral date of your graduation.

Certified Electronic Diplomas (CeD) will also be available.

Diploma Holds are placed if there is past due balance; clearing of the balance will release the hold.





# Commencement

Commencement is the ceremony/celebration for students who complete or are projected to complete all their requirements. Commencement happens once a year in June.

Participating in commencement is not required to graduate, but we highly encourage all graduates to attend commencement because it is a fun celebration!



# Eligibility Requirements to Commence

**Graduate Eligibility Requirements** - Graduate students who have completed their degree in the 2022-2023 academic year (Summer 22, Fall 22, Winter 23, Spring 23) are eligible to participate in commencement.

**Undergraduate Eligibility Requirements** - Students who are eligible to participate in commencement 2023 can graduate in the following quarters:

- Summer 2022
- Fall 2022
- Winter 2023
- Spring 2023
- Summer 2023
- Fall 2023

*Class of 2023: The year you participate in commencement is based on the academic year you graduate*



# Commencement Communication

**Commencement Newsletters** - These will go out once a month from February - June with important dates and reminders. Undergraduates graduating will automatically be included in this email list.

Graduate students and guests of graduates can opt-in to receive these newsletters via the [form](#) on the commencement website.

**Commencement Website** - The website will continuously be updated with information for graduates and guests. Check out the Graduate [Checklist](#) & [FAQ](#) section!



# Grad Fair

DATE: April 11-12, 2023

TIME: 10:00am - 6:00 pm

LOCATION: [Cowell Apartment Community Room](#) (ACR)

An event to prepare you for graduation, commencement and beyond!  
Stop by and be entered to win a raffle prize!

Attendees: HerffJones (regalia), BestGrad (photos) and the Commencement Group (gifts) will be there along with the Registrar's office, the Alumni team, SlugCents, STARs, Career Success, C9/JRL, Rachel Carson

*Make an appointment with BestGrad for your senior portraits! Portraits will be taken at the Cowell Community Room (update location) [Link will be available April 3rd.](#)*



# Commencement Registration

Registration for commencement is through Marching Order.

- Registration opens: April 3, 2023
- Registration closes: May 10, 2023

The registration link will be sent via email and we will link Marching Order on the commencement website during the dates above.

The Commencement Team will create a step by step instruction video on how to register in the system and post it on the commencement website by 3/31/2023

Accessibility Accommodations available in Marching Order



# Slug Crossing (Commencement)

Slug Crossing (Commencement) is scheduled for June 15th through June 18th on the East Field. Consists of 13 different events (10 colleges, Graduate Division, 2 celebrations)

Graduates will sign up for a **15 minute time slot** within their affiliated ceremony and/or celebration. **This timeslot indicates when you should arrive at the venue entrance.** Graduates can sign up for one degree conferring ceremony (Colleges & Graduate Division) and can opt-in for one or more of the three celebrations.

Graduates and their guests will arrive together at the venue entrance. Graduates will experience a personalized stage crossing experience and have their photos taken with BestGrad. Additional photo opportunities and light refreshments will be available outside the venue.



# Slug Crossing

## Guest Policy:

Graduates can bring up to 6 guests. Graduates will distribute the 6 tickets through the registration system. (children under 5 not counted as one of the 6)

## Graduates:

Will receive a GradPass through Marching Order.  
(BestGrad & Pronounce)

Parking permits...Each graduate is allowed 2 parking permits. You must indicate and download them from Marching Order.



# Virtual Commencement Ceremony

A Virtual Commencement Ceremony is another way for graduates and guests to gather and celebrate! The virtual component consists of pre-recorded broadcasts, the Slug Crossing (Commencement) live stream, social media posts and graduate slides.

A graduate slide consists of their photo, name, degree, major and a special message. If you do not fill out the fields, just your name, degree and major will populate.

There will be one degree conferring virtual page which includes the Colleges & Graduate Division student slides. There are two celebrations included in commencement that will have their own virtual commencement pages (Chinanx/Latinx and Baskin School of Engineering), you may opt in to participate with these events if you affiliate and create a virtual slide for these pages. (update if necessary)





# Regalia

Regalia consists of a cap, gown, stole, and tassel.

Regalia is not required for the Slug Crossing (Commencement).

You can purchase regalia at the Grad Fair or [online](#) on the commencement website. Regalia order deadline is May 10 2023



# Honors & Awards | Department Celebrations

UC Santa Cruz does not offer honors cords for University Honors (Summa Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, and Cum Laude), or Dean's Honors. University Honors will be indicated in the virtual program, unless you haven't completed your requirements.

Students are encouraged to contact their major departments regarding graduation stoles and/or cords.

Departments across campus may host their own graduation celebrations outside of commencement. We encourage you to connect with them regarding event details.



# Q&A

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