Carnegie Mellon University

COMMENCEMENT
May 14 - 15

Preliminary Planning Guide
FRIDAY, MAY 13*

2 p.m.
Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society
Initiation Ceremony
McConomy Auditorium, first floor, Cohon University Center
Sponsors will send invitations directly to inductees.
A reception will immediately follow in the Connan Room, first floor, Cohon Center.

4:30 p.m.
2016 Senior Leadership Awards Ceremony
Rangos Hall, second floor, Cohon Center
This invitation-only ceremony recognizes nominated seniors who have reflected upon their specific leadership contributions during their time at CMU. Doors open at 4 p.m.

7:30 p.m.
Business Administration (Master’s & Doctor’s) Diploma Ceremony
See next page for details.

SATURDAY, MAY 14*

9 a.m.
Honors Ceremonies
At these college-wide ceremonies, undergraduate students receiving university or college honors will be presented with their honor cords and medallions. Students graduating with honors will be notified by April.
Ceremonies last approximately one hour. Tickets are not required. Seating is first come, first served.
All ceremonies take place on campus; exact locations will be announced in the spring.

3:30 p.m.
Robing for All Doctor’s Hooding Ceremony Participants
Carnegie Music Hall Foyer, Carnegie Museum, 4400 Forbes Avenue (off campus)
Robing is for doctor’s candidates and faculty hooders. Guests should proceed directly to the ceremony.

4:30 p.m.
Doctor’s Hooding Ceremony
Carnegie Music Hall, Carnegie Museum, 4400 Forbes Avenue (off campus)
The ceremony lasts approximately 90 minutes.
Tickets are not required.
A reception will immediately follow in the Carnegie Music Hall Foyer.

SUNDAY, MAY 15*

9 a.m.
Gesling Stadium opens

10 a.m.
Robing for All Commencement Ceremony Participants
Various locations on campus

10:15 a.m.
Procession of Graduates
All guests should be seated by this time.

11 a.m.
Main Commencement Ceremony
Gesling Stadium
Diplomas are NOT distributed here but rather at diploma ceremonies taking place throughout the weekend; see next page for details.
The ceremony lasts approximately 90 minutes.
Tickets are not required. Seating is first come, first served.
The ceremony takes place outdoors in Gesling Stadium, rain or shine! The stadium is NOT covered and there is no shade.
An indoor simulcast and a webcast will also be available. More information will be provided in the spring.
Additional ceremony details can be found at cmu.edu/commencement.

*Various diploma ceremonies will take place over the three days. See next page for details.
Diploma Ceremonies

Graduates will receive their diplomas at department diploma ceremonies.

A preliminary schedule is included (and current as of December 2015). Adjustments regarding the exact times or locations may occur. Refer to cmu.edu/commencement for the most up-to-date and complete information.

Architecture
Saturday, May 14
12:30 p.m.

Art
Sunday, May 15
12:30 p.m.

Bachelor of Humanities & Arts/ Bachelor of Science & Arts/
Bachelor of Computer Science & Arts
Sunday, May 15
8:30 a.m.

Biological Sciences
Saturday, May 14
10:30 a.m.

Biomedical Engineering
Sunday, May 15
7:30 a.m.

Business Administration (Bachelor’s)
Sunday, May 15
2 p.m.

Business Administration (Master’s & Doctor’s)
Friday, May 13
7:30 p.m.

Chemical Engineering
Saturday, May 14
Noon

Chemistry
Sunday, May 15
2 p.m.

Center for Neural Basis of Cognition
Saturday, May 14
12:30 p.m.

Civil & Environmental Engineering
Sunday, May 15
12:30 p.m.

Design
Saturday, May 14
11:30 a.m.

Drama
Sunday, May 15
1 p.m.

Economics
Sunday, May 15
2 p.m.

Electrical & Computer Engineering
Sunday, May 15
2 p.m.

Energy Science, Technology & Policy
Sunday, May 15
8 a.m.

Engineering & Public Policy
Sunday, May 15
7:30 a.m.

Engineering & Technology Innovation Management
Sunday, May 15
7:30 a.m.

English
Saturday, May 14
2 p.m.

Entertainment Technology Center
Sunday, May 15
4 p.m.

Heinz College
Saturday, May 14
11 a.m.

History
Sunday, May 15
8 a.m.

Information Networking Institute
Sunday, May 15
3:30 p.m.

Information Systems (Dietrich College)
Saturday, May 14
6 p.m.

Institute for Politics & Strategy
Saturday, May 14
3 p.m.

Integrated Innovation for Products & Services
Saturday, May 14
9 a.m.

Materials Science & Engineering
Sunday, May 15
2 p.m.

Mathematical Sciences
Check cmu.edu/commencement for details.

Mechanical Engineering
Saturday, May 14
11 a.m.

Modern Languages
Sunday, May 15
8 a.m.

Music
Sunday, May 15
1 p.m.

Philosophy
Sunday, May 15
11 a.m.

Physics
Sunday, May 15
12:30 p.m.

Psychology
Sunday, May 15
1 p.m.

School of Computer Science
Sunday, May 15
1:30 p.m.

Social & Decision Sciences
Saturday, May 14
11 a.m.

Software Management
The diploma ceremony will take place in August at a site near the Silicon Valley campus. Details will be sent directly to graduates.

Statistics
Sunday, May 15
2 p.m.

Student-Defined Majors (Dietrich College)
Saturday, May 14
11 a.m.

Deadlines for Graduating Students

By February 1
Apply to be the Student Speaker

By March 18
Register for the Doctor’s Hooding ceremony

March 22 & 23
Attend Grad Fair to purchase a cap and gown (Bachelor’s & Master’s only)

By March 25
Verify diploma information

By April 1
Order your cap and gown online (Ph.D. only)

By May 11
Resolve outstanding student account balance

More details can be found at cmu.edu/commencement.
Additional Information

TRAVEL

Transportation
CMU is located in the Oakland area of the city, 22 miles from the Pittsburgh International Airport. Rental cars and taxis can be reserved at the airport. Shuttle, bus and ride sharing services are also available.

See cmu.edu/commencement for more information.

Accommodations
A list of Pittsburgh hotels can be found at cmu.edu/commencement.

Make your reservation soon! Commencement weekend is a busy time and hotels fill up quickly.

The university does not arrange for room blocks or discounted rates.

INTERNATIONAL GUESTS

For current visa requirements and the most up-to-date information, review the website of your country’s U.S. Embassy.

Additional advice on visa applications can be found at cmu.edu/commencement.

ELDERLY AND SPECIAL NEEDS GUESTS

At the Main Commencement Ceremony
The ceremony takes place outdoors in Gesling Stadium, rain or shine! The stadium is NOT covered and there is no shade.

If you or a family member cannot be in direct sunlight or heat for a long period of time, we strongly encourage you to watch the ceremony from one of our indoor simulcast locations. Additional information will be provided.

Gesling Stadium is handicapped accessible.

Special Needs seating sections will be available on the field surface. These seats are reserved for those guests who are in wheelchairs, who have difficulty with stairs and cannot access the bleacher seating, or those guests who have special needs. Tickets or prior arrangements are NOT needed.

ASL interpretation of the ceremony will be available.

Parking
All campus lots/garages have handicapped parking spaces.

Additional information for elderly and special needs guests can be found at cmu.edu/commencement.

ON THE WEB

Visit cmu.edu/commencement for more information about commencement weekend, including:

Ceremony details
Event locations
Parking locations
Shuttle information
Maps and directions
Contact list
FAQ