

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Instructions for Undergraduate Candidates

The Fall 2017 University Commencement Ceremony
will be held in the James H. Hilton Coliseum, on Saturday, December 16, 2017, at 1:30 p.m.

Ticket Information

Tickets are not required for admission into the ceremony.

Caps and Gowns

Bachelor candidates are required to wear a black cap and gown and a tassel (each college has a different tassel color) to the ceremony. Caps, gowns, and tassels may be purchased from the University Bookstore, in the Memorial Union or go to their website www.isubookstore.com/SiteText.aspx?id=551

Your cap should be worn level, not tilted. Your gown should hang freely from the shoulders; appropriate business clothing should be worn under your gown.

Arriving at Hilton Coliseum

Undergraduate candidates must report to their line-up area no later than 12:30 p.m.

Upon arrival at Hilton, go directly to your line-up area and check in with Registrar's staff. See map on reverse side to locate your college lineup area.

Do not take a commencement program at the entrance; we will provide one for you on your chair.

Leave purses, coats, and other valuables with family or friends since there will be no secure place in the line-up areas to leave these items.

The Ceremony

The ceremony will begin at 1:30 p.m. and end at approximately 3:30 p.m.

The Processional

Students will be lined up in the college line-up areas and will walk into the coliseum. You can choose someone to walk with from your college, but it is not guaranteed you will sit next to them.

The processional will begin promptly at 1:30 p.m. You will be led to your seat by a Faculty Marshal. When you reach your seat, please be seated. At the end of the processional, please stand for the Color Guard and *The Star Spangled Banner*. After the National Anthem, you will be instructed to be seated.

Conferring of Degrees

Candidates will be led to the stage by a Faculty Marshal and will be instructed when to begin crossing the stage. Proceed to center stage to shake hands with the President or Provost and receive your diploma cover. You will use the stairs located in the middle of the stage to return to your seat.

Photographs

A professional photographer will be contracted to take your photograph prior to crossing the stage and again as you are shaking hands with the President or Provost on stage. (We are currently in contract negotiations. Please refer back to this page and we will update the information as it is known).

Recessional

At the end of the ceremony, please remain standing until the Platform Party recessional has concluded. There will not be a student recessional. Family and friends are welcome to come to the arena floor following the recessional to greet you and take photographs.

Attendance and Diploma Information:

Diplomas **will not** be handed out during the ceremony.

Graduation requirements will be verified **after** December 16th and diplomas will be mailed on January 9, 2018, to all candidates who have successfully completed degree requirements.

Update your diploma mailing address and university ceremony attendance information in Access+ (Student tab>Graduation>Diploma/Ceremony) through Tuesday, December 12th.

After December 12th, you will need to contact the Graduation Office, 210 Enrollment Services Center, by phone at (515) 294-1840 or by e-mail at graduation@iastate.edu with any changes.

Special Assistance:

Candidates needing special assistance (e.g., wheelchair, sign language interpreter, captionist, etc.) prior to or during the commencement ceremony should contact Jennifer Suchan by phone at (515) 294-8381 or by email at jsuchan@iastate.edu before December 1st, to make arrangements.

Guests handicap parking is available in the C-1/ C-2 parking lots of Hilton Coliseum. Guests can be dropped off at the lower west entrance of Hilton. There is an elevator located inside the doors.

Special accommodation seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Guests in need of special accommodation seating (i.e., wheelchair seating and limited step seating) should locate an usher upon arrival in the seating area.

For More Information, Contact:

The Graduation Office
210 Enrollment Services Center
Phone: 515-294-1840

Email: graduation@iastate.edu
website: www.graduation.iastate.edu

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Undergraduate College Line-Up Areas in Hilton Coliseum (Fall Semester)

Human Sciences (maroon tassel)

Entering Hilton from the Main (South) entrance, take a left and proceed to the North side of Hilton Coliseum to check in.

Agriculture and Life Sciences (maize tassel)

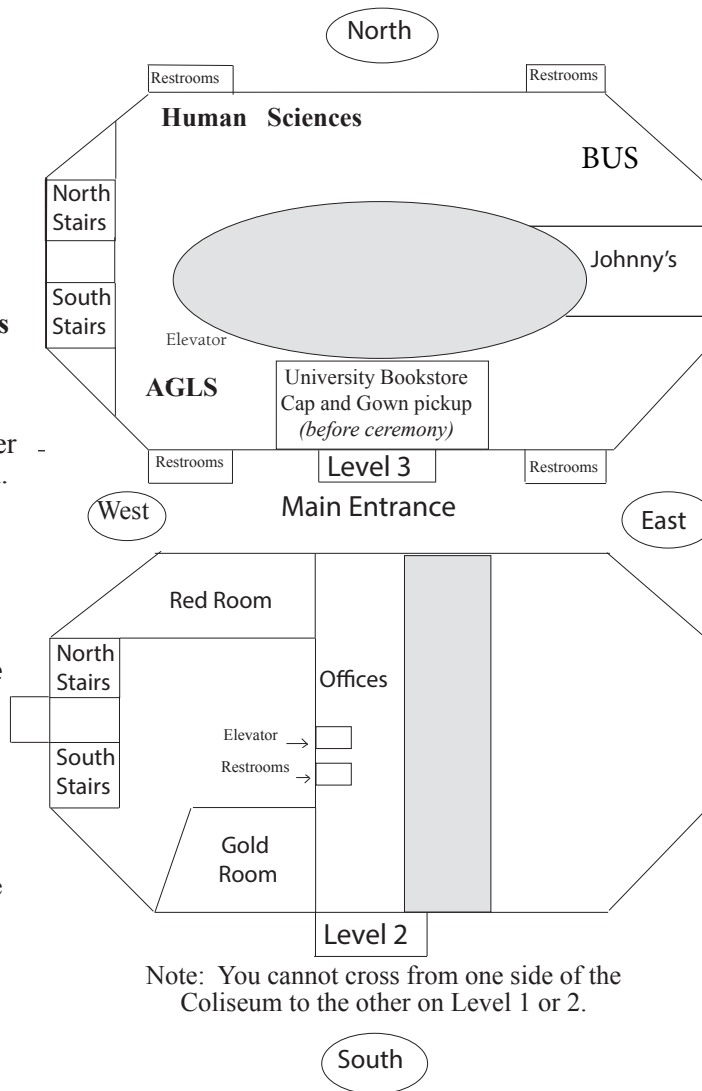
Entering Hilton from the Main (South) entrance, please proceed to the Southwest corner of Hilton Coliseum to check in.

Design (brown tassel)

After entering from the Main (South) entrance, please take the stairs to left all the way down to the ground level. You will be lining up in the west tunnel.

Business (nugget tassel) Entering Hilton from the Main (South) entrance, take a left proceed to the Northeast corner of Hilton Coliseum to check in.

Note: There is no access thru Johnny's to go from the south side of Hilton to the north side Johnny's.



Note: You cannot cross from one side of the Coliseum to the other on Level 1 or 2.

Engineering (orange tassel)

Students will line up in the Scheman Building (located to the west of Hilton Coliseum). Enter through the south doors and proceed to the *first floor lobby* area. Check in with staff at the counter on north side of lobby.

Leave purses, coats, and other valuables with family or friends since there will be no secure place in the line-up areas to leave these items.

Liberal Arts and Sciences (B.A. and B.L.S.-white; B.Music-pink; B.S.-golden yellow tassels)

Students will line up in the Scheman Building (located on the west of Hilton Coliseum). Enter through the south doors and proceed to the *second floor lobby* area. Check in with staff at the counter on the north side of lobby.

Leave purses, coats, and other valuables with family or friends since there will be no secure place in the line-up areas to leave these items.