General Information
Tickets are not required for admission into the Ceremony.

Do not take a commencement program at the entrance; a program, streamer tube and bottle of water will be available at your seat in Jack Trice Stadium.

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.

Caps and Gowns
Bachelor candidates are required to wear a black cap and gown 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.

Lineup at Bergstrom Complex (see map)
Undergraduate candidates must report to their line-up area no later than 12:15 p.m.

Check in with Registrar’s staff at a table marked with your college. You will be directed to your college lineup area.

The Ceremony
The ceremony will begin at 1:30 p.m. and end at approximately 4:00 p.m.

The Processional
Students will be lined up by pairs in the college line-up areas and will walk into Jack Trice Stadium in this order. If you wish to be seated by a particular person during the ceremony, you may want to have a partner chosen prior to arriving at the Bergstrom Complex.

The processional, led by your college dean, will begin at 1:30 p.m. You will be led to your seat by a marshal. Please be seated when you reach your seat. At the end of the processional, please stand for the color guard and The Star Spangled Banner. After the anthem, you will be instructed to be seated.

Caps should be worn during the processional and while degrees are being conferred. Feel free to either remove or retain your cap during those portions of the ceremony when you are seated.

Conferring of Degrees
Candidates will be led to the stage by a 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.

Photographs
Flash Photography has been contracted to take your photograph prior to crossing the stage and again as you are shaking hands with the President or Provost on stage.

All photographs taken at commencement will be posted on the Flash Photography website www.flashphotography.com/. You will receive instructions via email from the photographer on how to view and purchase photographs.

Questions regarding photographs should be directed to Flash Photography at www.flashphotography.com/ (select Contact Us tab) or phone (214) 443-9393.

Recessional
At the end of the ceremony, please remain standing until the faculty recessional is concluded. There will not be a student recessional. Family and friends are welcome to come to Jack Trice Field following the faculty 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 May 7th and diplomas will be mailed or available for pickup beginning May 25th, 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, May 3rd.

After May 3rd you will need to contact the Graduation Office, 210 Enrollment Services Center, by phone at (515) 294-9372 or by e-mail at graduation@iastate.edu with any changes.

For More Information, Contact:
The Graduation Office
210 Enrollment Services Center

Special Assistance:
Candidates needing special assistance (wheelchair, sign language interpreter, captionist, etc.) prior to or during the commencement ceremony should contact Denise, in 214 Enrollment Services Center, by phone at (515) 294-0767 or by email at dtimber@iastate.edu before Friday, April 29th, to make arrangements.

Guests needing special assistance (elderly, wheelchair, sign language interpreter, captionist, etc.) prior to or during the commencement ceremony should contact Jennifer Whalen, in 210 Enrollment Services Center, by phone at (515) 294-9372 or by email at jewhalen@iastate.edu before Friday, April 29th, to make arrangements.

Phone: (515) 294-9372
Email: graduation@iastate.edu
website: www.registrar.iastate.edu/graduation/
Directions
If you are traveling to Ames via Interstate 35, take Exit 111B labeled “30 West.” Travel west on Highway 30, then take Exit 146, the “University Boulevard/ISU” exit. Drive north on University Boulevard to Lincoln Way (the fourth traffic light). At Lincoln Way, turn left (west) past Hilton Coliseum and C.Y. Stephens auditorium. See parking information below.

Directions to Ames by car & from the Des Moines International Airport From US Highway 30, take the University Boulevard Exit (exit 146) and turn right off the exit. Follow University Boulevard around to Jack Trice Stadium. It will be on your left.

Restrooms are available at all facilities.