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2020
COMMENCEMENT GUIDE
Dear Graduates,

Congratulations!

You did it; you have graduated. Earning your degree from Cal State San Marcos signifies that you have the tools you need to have a successful career, be an active and engaged citizen, and a lifelong learner. I look forward to celebrating with you at the commencement ceremonies to be held on May 15 and 16, 2020 where your family, friends, fellow graduates, and members of the University community who have supported your success will cheer your accomplishment.

This Commencement Guide will provide you and your guests with all the information you need in order to plan for this special and momentous occasion. Please continue to check your CSUSM email account for commencement-related updates leading up to the May ceremonies.

California State University San Marcos is your university, and I encourage you to stay connected with the CSUSM Alumni Association as you embark on your future endeavors.

I look forward to personally congratulating you as you are acknowledged on stage for your accomplishment.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Lorena M. Checa, Ph.D.
Vice President, Student Affairs
## Ceremony Schedule

### Friday, May 15 at 9:00AM | College of Humanities, Arts, Behavioral & Social Sciences – CEREMONY 1

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### Saturday, May 16 at 7:00PM | College of Business Administration

| Business Administration, BS, MBA |                   |

## Graduate Checklist

- **Apply for Graduation:** Deadline for Spring/Summer 2020 graduation is March 15
- **Check your ARR and verify your name and mailing address in your MyCSUSM Student Center**
- **Apply to be a Speaker/Vocalist at your Commencement ceremony:** Deadline is March 16
- **Attend GradFest:** March 11 & 12 from 10am to 7pm, USU Ballroom
- **Let us know if you'll attend your ceremony in MyCSUSM by May 1**
- **Attend a Commencement Information Session:** End of April, 2020
- **Graduating with Honors? You will be notified by your college (if eligible) to pick up your Honor Cord.**
- **Complete your CSUSM Exit Survey**
Join the Alumni Association

Complete your Loan Exit Counseling if you received financial aid and pay all balances on all of your accounts (including library fees)

ATTEND YOUR 2020 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY!!!

Apply to Graduate
To apply for graduation, login to your Student Center and locate the Apply for Graduation field and follow the prompts for the appropriate graduation term. Undergraduate students must have a minimum of 85 semester units before they can apply. Students must be fully classified in the major before applying for graduation (no pre-major status). Students must apply to graduate by the deadlines below.

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Note: For undergraduate students who have not completed 85 units, your graduation application will be cancelled

Graduation Audit
Check your Academic Requirements Report (ARR) by logging-in to your Student Center. The ARR tracks the completion of all degree requirements. The report lists all courses completed at CSUSM, courses in-progress, as well as any transfer courses or test credits completed off-campus that has been submitted. Undergraduate students must have a minimum of 120 total units to graduate. Check that all grades and/or incomplete grades from previous semesters are posted accurately and that all transfer work appears.

Verify Your Mailing Address for Your Diploma
Verify in your Student Center that your mailing address is up-to-date; your diploma will be mailed to this address once your degree is awarded. Also check for any holds that might prevent the mailing of your diploma and clear the holds as soon as possible. Once holds are cleared, please notify the Office of the Registrar.

Pay All Balances
Check your Student Center to see if you owe any fees to the University, including the library. Please make full payment before the end of the term. Your diploma will not be mailed until all balances are paid. Email financial questions to Student Financial Services at sfs@csusm.edu.

Financial Aid – Complete Loan Exit Counseling
If you borrowed federal student loans while attending CSUSM, federal regulations require Loan Exit Counseling to be completed upon graduation (or at the point of falling below half-time enrollment). Loan Exit Counseling may be completed at www.studentloans.gov. Failure to complete the Loan Exit Counseling will result in a hold on your CSUSM record, which will prevent requesting transcripts, receiving your diploma, and other campus services. For additional information regarding the Loan Exit Counseling requirement, please contact the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office at (760) 750-4850.

Will You Attend Your Ceremony?
If you are planning on participating in the 2020 ceremonies, remember to check “Yes” when prompted in MyCSUSM by May 1, 2020. If you check “No” you can always change your response in your Communication Center, and if you check “Remind Me Later” you will be prompted to answer the next time you log-in to your Student Center.

GradFest 2020
Attend GradFest on March 11, or March 12, 2020, in the Student Union Ballroom, from 10:00am to 7:00pm. This is your one-
stop-shop for all of your graduation needs. Some of the items available for purchase include caps and gowns, alumni apparel, diploma frames, class rings, and announcements. You will also be able to gather information from the Commencement Office, Career Center, UPD and Parking Services, Alumni Association, Senior Class Gift Campaign, and Pre-order Leis/ Bouquets and have a free sitting for your cap and gown portrait with diFranco Photography.

Apply to be a Speaker/Vocalist
Interested students can apply to be the student speaker or student vocalist for their ceremony. Applications must be submitted on the commencement website by March 16, 2020; all applicants are required to audition. Speakers will be reading their prepared speech, and vocalists will be singing the “Star Spangled Banner.”

Commencement Information Sessions
Graduation candidates who plan to participate in the Commencement ceremonies are strongly encouraged to attend one of the information sessions (scheduled for the end of April 2020) to learn about Commencement procedures and protocol. There will NOT be an actual rehearsal for Commencement. Check the Commencement website for dates and times.

Academic Honors
Eligible undergraduate students will be notified via email by their college, in early May with Honor Cord pick-up information. Recognition of academic honors at the ceremonies is based on coursework completed in Fall 2019. Grades recorded through the Fall 2019 semester will be calculated for the overall GPA and the CSUSM GPA. The lower of these two GPA’s will determine academic honor recognition in the commencement program and the name cards. Honors designation is not official until all final grades are in and the Registrar confers the degree. Questions about Honors should be directed to your college and or the Office of the Registrar.

Academic Honors are:
Cum laude: at least 3.5, less than 3.7 Magna cum laude: at least 3.7, less than 3.9 Summa cum laude: at least 3.9

Visit the Career Center
The mission of the Career Center is to empower students and alumni to design and manage their career paths with clarity, competence, and confidence. The Career Center provides services to ensure development of individuals with respect to unique personal, cultural and professional values. Career Center services include:

- self-assessment instruments
- resume & cover letter assistance/critiques
- mock interviews
- job search assistance
- career counseling
- job fairs & networking events
- career workshops & info sessions
- graduate school advising

All Career Center services are provided free of charge for 3 months after graduation for alumni. After the three-month period, alumni can continue to receive services through membership with the Alumni Association.

Complete Your CSUSM Exit Survey
You will receive an email notification containing survey information and a link to take the survey. This short survey asks you about your plans after graduation. Your responses will be applied towards improving and implementing programs and initiatives that support students and alumni in their career development.

Graduates who complete the survey before the date specified in the email will be able to pick up a commemorative CSUSM Alumni pin at their Commencement ceremony.

Join the CSUSM Alumni Association
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Contribute to the Student Philanthropy Fund
The Student Philanthropy Council (SPC) is a student committee charged with building the culture of philanthropy among all CSUSM students who need scholarship assistance. A suggested giving amount is $20.20 in honor of the Class of 2020, but
many students give $10, $15, $50, or more. To learn more, or to make your donation, visit the SPC website. Purchase a Class Champions Alumni Membership and receive a special graduation cord to wear at commencement. Visit www.csusmalumni.org for details.

**The Commencement Group Flowers**
Order your bouquet, orchid lei, or kukui nut necklace from The Commencement Group Flowers! All Commencement Group Flowers bouquets are wrapped in elegant, environmentally friendly wrappings. Orchid leis are wearable floral alternatives that look great in graduation photos. Kukui nut necklaces are branded in school colors and logo. Items are available for pre-order or for purchase on-site on Commencement day. See www.thecommencementgroup.com/csusm for more information.

**Attend Commencement**
Commencement ceremonies are Friday, May 15th and Saturday, May 16th at the Mangrum Track and Field.

**Receive your Diploma**
At the Commencement ceremony, you will only receive a diploma cover, not your actual diploma. Diplomas are mailed to graduates 2 to 3 months after the semester you graduate. You will be notified via your CSUSM email once your degree has been conferred.
Commencement Day

Check-In
Students will check in at the Softball Field ONE HOUR before the start of their assigned ceremony. NO GUESTS will be allowed in the graduate area, including children. Non-graduates will be escorted out by security staff. Students will line up according to their major. Graduates who are deemed intoxicated by Commencement Staff Leadership, will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony.

What to Bring
Regalia – Graduates are required to check in with their black gown and mortarboard with tassel. All mortarboard decorations must be flat.
Shoes – Students will be lining up and standing for long periods while waiting to take their seats at the ceremony. Please wear appropriate shoes, i.e. no spiked heels because all ceremonies are on grass.
Don’t Forget – A bottle of water, sunglasses, and WEAR SUNSCREEN!!

DO NOT Bring
Alcohol/drugs – They are prohibited on campus at all times.
Pets – Animals are not allowed at any of the ceremonies.
Bags or Backpacks – There is no storage at the Softball Field to hold your items.
Other prohibited items also include: smoking, vaping, beach balls, noise makers, fireworks, confetti, rolling coolers, beach chairs, wrapped gifts, inappropriate/large poster-sized signage, and balloons. When in doubt, please contact the Commencement Office: commencement@csusm.edu. Graduates and or guests will be asked to return prohibited item(s) back to their vehicles. If graduate and or guest chooses to leave prohibited item(s) at security check, prohibited item(s) will not be returned to graduate or guest and will not be reimbursed.

Graduate Seating
Graduate Seating is for graduates ONLY; guests and children will NOT be permitted to sit in this section. Non-graduates will be escorted out by security staff.

Snake Warning on Dirt Paths
Please be aware of your surroundings and stay on designated walking/seating areas ONLY.

Length of Ceremony
Each ceremony will be approximately 2-2.5 hours. Out of consideration for your fellow graduates, everyone must stay until the end of each ceremony.

Meeting up with your Guests
Establish a meeting place for after the ceremony. For meal reservations, give yourself approximately 1.5 to 2.5 hours after the ceremony to meet your guests, take photos, get back to your vehicles, and exit campus.

Lost and Found
Lost and Found will be located on Mangrum Track and Field at the police tent, near the first aid tent. Lost items will then be available at the Parking and Commuter Services Building the Monday after Commencement.

Etiquette / Security
Commencement is a time for celebration and recognition of your academic success. The conferring of an academic degree is a tradition that dates back to the 12th century and is regarded as an important rite of passage for students and their families. We ask that you respect this long tradition and approach the ceremony with the proper decorum.

Smoking Policy/Alcohol Policy
This is a Tobacco and alcohol free event. Tobacco products including electronic (e-cigs) and alcohol are prohibited from campus and Commencement. The University observes a strict no-alcohol and smoke free campus policy. Graduates and guests are prohibited from bringing these items onto the premises.
Disability Support Services
Graduates with mobility impairments should contact Disability Support Services by April 30 for assistance at the Commencement ceremonies. A platform lift will provide access to the stage for graduates with mobility impairments. Sign language interpreters will be present at all ceremonies. All questions regarding accessibility should be addressed to Disability Support Services at (760) 750-4905 or by email at: dss@csusm.edu
Sign-up to receive the Commencement Newsletter
The Newsletter is your way to get information about your graduate’s ceremony. If you are interested in signing up, fill out the Newsletter Form on the Commencement website and you will be added to the email list.

Pre-Order Floral Bouquets and Orchid Leis
The Commencement Group Flowers offers orchid leis, modern fresh flower arrangements, and Kukui nut necklaces for graduate gift giving. All Commencement Group Flowers bouquets are wrapped in elegant, environmentally friendly wrappings, and last at least a week. Orchid leis are offered as a wearable floral alternative that looks great in graduation photos. Kukui nut necklaces are branded in school colors and logo. Pre-orders are available for graduate pickup only. See www.thecommencementgroup.com/csusm for more information.

Guest Parking
Parking information and maps are on the last page of this guide.

Weather/Site Information
Weather can be unpredictable, please plan ahead and dress accordingly. In the event of rain, guests and graduates are welcomed to bring their own rain gear. Rain or shine, all umbrellas must be lowered prior to the start of the ceremony. Remember to bring sunscreen; there is limited shade on the Mangrum Field and wear appropriate shoes for walking on grass (no spiked heels). If you are unable to attend, or have concerns about the weather, we will be live streaming the event on the CSUSM website: http://www.csusm.edu/.

Tickets and Guest Seating
There are no tickets issued for this event, all guest seating is first come first served. Guest seats will open 1 hour prior to the start of each ceremony and each ceremony is expected to last 2-3 hours. Please keep your guest count to 10 or fewer. Saving large quantities of seats is prohibited, please plan accordingly.

Seating for Disabled Guests
There will be a special seating area for individuals with mobility impairments. Space is provided on a first come, first served basis. Only one companion seat per mobility-impaired guest will be permitted in this area. Please keep in mind that seating is available in the grass section as well and the surface should be firm enough to allow for wheelchair access. THERE IS NO SHADE IN THIS SEATING SECTION.

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Services for Guests with Disabilities
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Local Hotel Information
There are many hotels in the San Marcos and surrounding areas. Visit our website for hotel Information: www.csusm.edu/commencement/guestinformation/places-to-stay.html.
**Alternative Viewing**

In the event that the Mangrum Track reaches capacity or guests are unable to withstand outside weather conditions, an alternate viewing area will be offered in the USU Ballroom. The USU Ballroom will livestream all ceremonies and guests may be dropped off at the Campus Way roundabout or park in Parking Structure 1 (please see map below). All ceremonies will be live streamed with closed captioning on the University website: [www.csusm.edu](http://www.csusm.edu). Visit the Commencement website two weeks after the ceremonies for commencement day images and videos.

*Alternate Viewing Area Parking and Drop off Map. Please also visit: [www.csusm.edu/map](http://www.csusm.edu/map)*
Commencement Office
The Commencement Office is here to answer any and all commencement questions for students and guests. Our office hours are 8am – 4:30pm, Monday through Friday in Cougar Central. We can be reached at 760-750-DONE (3663) or via email commencement@csusm.edu. Our website is www.csusm.edu/commencement. Please note that email communications may be best during the week of commencement due to our staff setting up for the ceremonies.

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University Store/CSUSM Bookstore
The University Store/CSUSM Bookstore is pleased to serve as the University’s official academic regalia provider for all graduates and participating faculty. The University Store will be on hand at GradFest, and all ceremonies to sell regalia items, diploma frames, Alumni products and gift items. For regalia pricing and information, please visit www.csusmbookstore.com or call (760) 750-4737.

Jostens
Jostens is a leading provider of graduation products for CSUSM. Jostens representatives will be at GradFest selling class rings, announcements, diploma frames and assisting with graduation regalia. A representative will also be on campus throughout the spring semester to assist with class ring and announcement orders, please check the Jostens website, at Jostens.com, for exact dates and times. For any questions regarding graduation regalia and diploma frames please contact the University Store, for Class Ring and Announcement information please contact Sandy Noel at sandy.noel@jostens.com.
diFranco Photography

diFranco Photography will be present at GradFest and Commencement. At GradFest, you can have your official regalia portrait taken with no sitting fee and no obligation to purchase. At Commencement, two photographs will be taken of each graduate; one on stage with President Neufeldt, and one off stage with your diploma cover. There are a variety of packages available for purchase; however, there is no obligation to buy. For more information or questions email: info@difrancophoto.com or visit www.difrancophoto.com.

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What does it cost to participate in my ceremony? The University does not charge students to participate in Commencement. Students only have to purchase their Commencement regalia (cap, gown, and tassel).

What do I need to do to participate in the ceremony? All Fall 2019, Spring 2020 and Summer 2020 grads should apply to graduate in MyCSUSM by March 15, 2020. Once you apply to graduate in MyCSUSM you will be prompted to let us know if you plan to attend your ceremony. Please respond by May 1, 2020.

To participate as an early grad (i.e. you will graduate in Fall 2020), sign up to receive the Commencement Newsletter, purchase your regalia, and attend an information session. Your name will NOT appear in the program and you will NOT be recognized for Latin Honors.

Only undergraduate students (receiving their first Bachelor’s degree) that have applied to graduate for Fall 2019, Spring 2020, or Summer 2020 are eligible for honors. Students receiving their Masters, Credential, or Additional Bachelors are not eligible.

Do I need tickets and parking passes for my guests? No, all parking is free and there are no tickets issued for this event. Seating is on a first come first served basis and saving a large quantity of seats is not allowed. Students are asked to keep their guest count to 10 or fewer.

Can I sit with my friends at Commencement? All students are required to sit with their major, so yes; you can sit with your friends within your major.

Do you sell DVD copies of the ceremony? No, but approximately two weeks after the ceremony you will be able to view the ceremonies on the commencement website.

I am not attending Commencement; will my name still appear in the program? Yes, the names of all graduates who applied on time will be listed, even if they choose not to participate in the ceremony.

My family wants another copy of the program, where can I get one? The Commencement Office allows for one (1) program per graduate as well as one (1) program per family. The program will be posted to the Commencement website for viewing or download. You may contact the Commencement Office: commencement@csusm.edu to inquire about extra printed copies left over from Commencement weekend. Extra programs will be made available for pick up in Cougar Central the following week. Unfortunately, programs will NOT be mailed out.

Can my guests take pictures at commencement? Yes, but they must stay in the guest seating area only.

If I am a double major which ceremony do I participate in? You will participate with your primary major, whichever college that falls in.

Do you have wheelchairs available for guests? No, all guests requiring wheelchairs must bring their own.

What do I do if I arrive late to the ceremony? If you are late, please check-in with a volunteer in a blue shirt. You will have to sit at the end of graduates, which means your name may not be called with your major but with the major of those students in the last row.

If I am unable to participate in my college’s ceremony, can I participate in another one? No, graduates must participate in the ceremony of their college and major.

Where can I pick up my flowers that were pre-ordered? All pre-orders will be available for pickup by the graduate only, located by the Graduate Check-in Tables on the Softball Field. Guests who are placing an order will need to inform their graduate so that they may pick it up at the Commencement Group booth.

For More FAQ, please visit the commencement website at www.csusm.edu/commencement
Traffic
Main access to the campus is from State Highway 78 at Twin Oaks Valley Road. Take Twin Oaks Valley Road south for approximately a half-mile and you will be at campus. Follow road-signage and traffic officers to the nearest available parking. Traffic will be heavy, so please allow adequate time for travel and parking!

Alternate Routes to Campus
Driving westbound on Highway 78 from Interstate 15,
Take exit 14, Woodland Parkway/Barham Dr. and stay to the right.
Take the next RIGHT (South) onto Woodland Parkway
Turn RIGHT (West) onto Barham Dr. The campus is 1 mile down on the left
Driving eastbound on Highway 78 from Interstate 5,
Take exit 12 for San Marcos Blvd. Turn right onto San Marcos Blvd.
Make a left onto Bent Ave.
Bent Ave turns into Craven Road. Follow Craven Road 1.3 miles to the campus.

Graduate Drop Off
Graduates carpooling with guests may be dropped off at the Campus Way roundabout (near the USU) for easy walking access to the Softball Field. Please note, guests are NOT permitted past the Clarke Field House and should proceed to park in lot F after dropping off their graduate.

Graduate and Guest Parking
Parking lots will open 1 hour prior to the start of each ceremony and parking is complimentary. Lots C, X, Y, Z, and F are closest to the event venue. The ceremony traffic will overlap so guests will be directed to park in the closest available parking lot. Event signage will direct guests to the Event Site (Mangrum Track and Field). Parking and Pedestrian maps are shown on page 14 of the Commencement Guide. You may also view a map of the campus at www.csusm.edu/parking.

ADA Accessible Parking
ADA parking is available for guests with disabled placards and plates in Lot B. ADA parking will open 1 hour prior to the start of each ceremony and parking is complimentary (parking is on a first come first serve basis). Event signage will direct guests to the Event Site (Mangrum Track and Field).

Taking Uber or Lyft?
Designated Drop-Off and Pick-up location will be at Lot Z ONLY. From Twin Oaks Valley Road, enter Lots XYZ at Campus Marketplace, turn LEFT at Lot Z when directed by traffic officer to do so.