

## Spring Commencement – FAQs

1. **Are we having graduation practice?** No
2. **What's the location of graduation?** Walter Sillers Coliseum
3. **What's the date of graduation?** Friday, May 10, 2024
4. **How will I know which ceremony to attend – 10:00 AM or 2:00 PM?**
  - a. 10:00 am – Graduate candidates (all programs) and all undergraduate candidates in the College of Business and Aviation
  - b. 2:00 pm – All undergraduate candidates in the College of Arts and Sciences, College of Education and Human Sciences, and the School of Nursing
5. **What time should I arrive for graduation?**
  - a. Morning ceremony – Arrive at 9:00 AM
  - b. Afternoon ceremony – Arrive at 1:00 PM
6. **When and where can I pick up my graduation tickets?**
  - a. Graduation tickets may be picked up from the Registrar's Office in Kent Wyatt Hall on May 6 – 9, 2024, from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM.
  - b. Student must have a photo ID and have completed 2 surveys – the Commencement Participation Survey and the Graduation Exit Survey at <https://www.deltastate.edu/academics/registrars-office/graduation/>.
  - c. Extra tickets will be distributed on Thursday, May 9.
  - d. Tickets will also be distributed on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, from the Walter Sillers Coliseum upon check-in at 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM.
7. **Can I pick up my graduation tickets with a balance on my account?** Yes. However, all financial obligations must be cleared to receive your diploma after graduation.
8. **When will graduation fees be placed on students' accounts?** April 29, 2024
9. **Will my child need a ticket to attend graduation?** All guests must have a ticket. Children under the age of 6 are not allowed, except for graduating students' children.
10. **What is the dress code for graduates participating in the ceremony?**
  - a. Regalia purchased from the bookstore. Please wear professional or dressy attire underneath the graduation gowns.
  - b. Preferred attire color: Black
  - c. Other suggested colors: Brown, Navy Blue, Dark colors, Neutral colors
  - d. Shoes: Black, Brown, Navy Blue, Dark colors, Neutral colors. Wear comfortable shoes and be prepared for lots of standing and walking. *(Please note: Appropriate accommodations will be provided as needed.)*
11. **May I wear a graduation stole?**
  - a. Honor cords and *traditional* stoles representing official DSU organizations may be worn during the ceremony. No homemade cords or stoles are permitted. Also, there are no cords/stoles provided for Latin honors.
  - b. Customized and decorative stoles **cannot** be worn during the ceremony. However, they can be worn AFTER the ceremony to take pictures.

12. **May I decorate my graduation cap?**
  - a. We do not recommend it. However, if you decide to decorate your cap, the design should be flat not to obstruct the view of others. If your cap is decorated with items that stand on top of it or hang off from it, you will be asked to remove your cap and wear a temporary replacement. Please do not remove your tassel or alter it in any way.
  
13. **When is the earliest I can pick up my regalia from the bookstore?** Monday, April 29, 2024, at 8:00 AM. The bookstore closes at 5:00 PM Monday-Friday.
  
14. **When is the latest I can pick up my regalia from the bookstore?** The day of commencement on Friday, May 10, 2024, by 8:30 AM for the morning ceremony and by 12:30 PM for the afternoon ceremony.
  
15. **Are 2024 graduation tassels available in the bookstore?** Yes, 2024 tassels may be purchased from the bookstore on April 29, 2024.
  
16. **Will the ceremony be livestreamed?** Yes, the link for live streaming is available at <https://www.deltastate.edu/academics/registrars-office/graduation/>
  
17. **Will there be a section to accommodate people in wheelchairs?** Yes, easy access seating for guests will be available on the main floor.
  
18. **What if I have other questions about commencement or regalia?** For questions about commencement, contact the Registrar's office by email at [registrar@deltastate.edu](mailto:registrar@deltastate.edu) or by phone at 662-846-4040. For questions about regalia, contact the Jimmy R. Williams Bookstore at 662-846-4640 or [sm8031@bncollege.com](mailto:sm8031@bncollege.com).