

This document contains vital dates and information regarding graduation. Keep it in a safe place for reference.

SPRING 2020 COMMENCEMENT DATE – FRIDAY, MAY 8

10:00 AM Ceremony	2:00 PM Ceremony
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All graduate students• All undergraduates from School of Nursing• Other undergraduates TBA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remaining undergraduates TBA

COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION MEETING: Date and location **TBA**. There will be a drawing for 6 total individual extra guest tickets for commencement and one waiver for the initial \$50 graduation fee. Commencement procedure instructions will also be included with tickets.

SPRING 2020 APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Application deadline: **November 1, 2019**.

Late Application deadline: March 1, 2020. No applications will be accepted after this deadline.

GRADUATION FEE:

A graduation fee of **\$50** will be posted to your student account on **April 13**.

An additional \$50 late application fee in addition to the regular \$50 graduation fee will be charged to your account for all applications between November 2 and March 1.

All fees are payable to Delta State University, Student Business Services, Kent Wyatt Hall #131, Cleveland, MS 38733. Please include your student ID# with payments, or you can make payment through MyDSU Portal. **Fees must be paid by May 7 in order to pick up guest tickets.**

CHANGES TO APPLICATION:

To make any changes to your application you must call the Registrar's Office at 846-4040.

If graduation requirements will not be completed by the end of the Spring 2020 semester, it is imperative that you contact the Registrar's Office to inactivate your application by Friday, April 10.

If your name is not removed from the graduation list by the deadline and if you do not meet graduation requirements, you will be responsible for re-applying for graduation and paying the \$50 fee for that application as well.

DIPLOMAS

Diplomas will not be given out or mailed prior to **June 22**. All fees must be paid and all holds must be cleared in order for your diploma to be released. Diploma pick up for all Bolivar County residents will be **June 23 & 24** starting at 10 am. Students outside of Bolivar County wanting to pick up diplomas must notify the Registrar's Office by **June 12** at registrar@deltastate.edu or (662) 846-4040. **Because the post office sometimes bends or tears diplomas, we recommend you pick up your diploma if possible.** All other diplomas will be mailed to the address listed on your graduation application.

FINANCIAL AID EXIT INTERVIEWS

Financial Aid exit interviews are required for all students who have received Federal Direct Subsidized or Unsubsidized loans. Exit Counseling can be completed online at www.studentloans.gov. If you have any questions, please contact the Financial Aid office at 662-846-4670. All undergraduate students who graduate and who will be fully admitted in a graduate program for the Summer or Fall session, must contact the Financial Aid office at 662-846-4670 or finaid@deltastate.edu.

Perkins Loans exit interviews will be held for all students who have received a Perkins Loan. Please contact Student Business Services at 662-846-4698 for times and location.

GRADUATION EXIT SURVEY

The Graduation Exit Survey will be administered on **April 13**. **You must complete the Graduation Exit Survey before picking up your guest tickets.** The survey link will be sent to your Okramail account.

If you encounter any issues with retrieving the link, please contact the Office of Institutional Research at 662-846-4053.

REGALIA (CAP AND GOWN):

Regalia rental orders and payments can only be made directly to the Jimmy R. Williams bookstore. Commencement fee of \$50 paid online DOES NOT include regalia rental fees. Regalia will not be ordered until payment has been received.

Information on rental of regalia will be published soon.

All holds must be cleared from your student account in order to receive your cap and gown.

TICKETS:

After the last date to apply for graduation, the number of tickets per student will be calculated based on the number of graduates who have indicated they will be walking in the ceremony.

No guest will be allowed in the BPAC without a ticket.

No child under the age of six may attend unless he/she is the child of a graduating student.

All children must have a ticket for admittance.

Ticket Pick up:

Where: Registrar's Office, KWH 152

Date: Monday, May 4 to Thursday, May 7

Time: 10:00am – 5:00pm

- Tickets may also be picked up on the day of graduation from 8:00-9:00am, and 12:00-1:00pm at BPAC
- All holds must be cleared from your student account in order to receive your tickets.

Additional tickets: If you will not be using all of your tickets, please only take the tickets you will use so the extra tickets can be made available to other students. **Those additional tickets will be available for pick-up at the Registrar's office at 10:00 am on Thursday, May 7 on a first-come, first-serve basis until all the extra tickets are distributed.** If you want more than one additional ticket, you must go through the line for each additional ticket.

WHEELCHAIR ACCESS SEATING:

Due to limited wheelchair access seating, special wheelchair access tickets will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Call the Registrar's office at 662-846-4040 or email Registrar@deltastate.edu to reserve a wheelchair accessible ticket. One of your regular tickets will be replaced with the wheelchair access ticket. Guests with wheelchairs must have the special tickets to be admitted.

DRESS CODE: The dress code for men is dark pants, shirt, tie and dark shoes. For women, it is a dress or dark pants outfit and dark shoes.

GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS: Graduation announcements may be ordered through the Jimmy R. Williams Bookstore.

PHOTOGRAPHER: The photographer is coordinated through DSU's Alumni/Foundation office. They may be contacted at 662-846-4660 with any questions.

GRADES:

Correspondence grades, incomplete grade removals and grades from other institutions **MUST** be in the Registrar's Office by **May 7**. Make sure you request an official transcript from that institution be mailed to: Emily Dabney, Registrar's Office, KWH 152, Delta State University, Cleveland, MS 38733 after completing your course(s).

TEACHER CERTIFICATION:

Students eligible for certification through the State Department of Education in Jackson must have National Teachers' Exam Scores and an application for certification on file in the Office of Field Experiences, Ewing 370. Electronic applications for certification are completed on the MDE website: <http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/>

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Commencement fees due:	Thursday, May 2 nd
Cap & gown pick-up	Jimmy R. Williams Bookstore in Union TBA
Cap & gown return	Friday, May 8 immediately following commencement until TBA
Tickets	Registrar's Office, KWH 152 (Window) Monday, May 4 to Thursday, May 7 Friday, May 8 8:00-9:00 am and 12:00-1:00 pm (BPAC)
Photography Session Bologna Performing Arts Center	Friday, May 8 8:00-9:00 am for 10:00 am ceremony 12:00-1:00 pm for 2:00 pm ceremony
Line-up for graduation ceremony Bologna Performing Arts Center	Friday, May 8 9:15 am for 10:00 am ceremony 1:15 pm for 2:00 pm ceremony
Graduation Ceremony Bologna Performing Arts Center	Friday, May 8 ****10:00 am and 2:00 pm

****Please remember, all university student account holds must be cleared **BEFORE** graduation.