
Spring 2024 Commencement Guest Information

- Guests must have a valid ticket to enter the Coliseum.
- Guests who do not have a valid ticket can view the graduation via the live link listed below. The Commencement live stream can be viewed in real time for relatives and friends of graduates who are unable to attend and will also be available to watch at a later time.
Live Stream Link: <https://livestream.com/deltastateuniversity>
- Guests who need wheelchair-access or easy-access seating will have access to limited seating on the floor of the coliseum. Easy-access seating is reserved for guests who have trouble navigating stairs. Each guest that needs easy access seating will be allowed to have one companion sit with them. Upon entry to the lobby, let the ushers know if you need access to this seating.
- **There is limited handicap parking available in front of the Coliseum.** If you have difficulty finding handicap parking, please ask parking security for assistance.
- Families and guests are urged to arrive at the doors of the Coliseum at least 45 minutes in advance of the start of the ceremony. Please allow adequate time for parking, walking, and seating in the Coliseum.
- Be respectful. Please express your excitement in ways that will not prevent others from enjoying the ceremony or hearing names of graduates when announced. Please don't applaud, as the other graduates and their guests will not be able to hear their name being read.
- As we have limited time to seat everyone, please do not save seats for others who did not arrive at the same time.
- Adherence to the University's tobacco and alcohol policy is expected.
- Guests are expected to act in a civilized manner. If they cause a disruption before or during the ceremony, they will be warned the first time. If they continue the behavior, they will be escorted out of the building by security and will not be allowed to return to the ceremony.
- No children under the age of 6 will be allowed in the ceremony unless they are the child of the graduating student. All children must have their own ticket in order to enter the auditorium, regardless of their age.
- Cell phones are to be turned off or on silent.
- We ask that guests remain at their seats until the platform party, faculty and graduates have recessed.
- Delta State University is proud of our students' accomplishments and success. We appreciate your cooperation celebrating a major milestone in students' and their family's lives. We want everyone to share and enjoy a memorable and dignified commencement ceremony.

Commencement Day Locations

Please see the event map on website for the following locations:

- Commencement Ceremony – See gold star at Walter Sillers Coliseum – Facility number 12
- Parking for Commencement – Parking lot L10; overflow lots indicated by blue cars on event map
- Handicap parking – limited spots in front of Coliseum and in lot L9
- Photography spots:
 - Professional photographs (8-9 before ceremony) – Inside Walter Sillers Coliseum – Facility number 12
 - Photo at the Flag pole, north end of Quad
 - Photo at the Clock, between Union and Ward Hall– Facility number 40
 - Mathews-Sanders Sculpture Garden at the Bologna Performing Arts Center – Facility number 17
- Meals available for purchase for lunch in the Union (Facility 41) – Chick-Fil-A, Firehouse Subs, Burrito Bowl, and Starbucks