

Frequently Asked Questions

**The Warren College Commencement Ceremony is
Sunday, June 12, 2011 at 8:00 AM on RIMAC Field.**

When will I get a mailing from the college regarding commencement?

All commencement information is provided on the college website. Students are advised to check the [commencement website](#) periodically to find the most current information as circumstances may change. If you have further questions, please contact Warren College at 858-534-1709 or wardean@ucsd.edu.

How soon do I need to fill out an Electronic Degree and Diploma Application form (EDDA form)?

If you would like your name to appear in the commencement program, the deadline to file your [EDDA](#) is **April 29 (Friday of week 5)**. The 2011 commencement program will contain the names of students who have filed for Fall 2010, Winter 2011, Spring 2011, or Summer 2011 graduation. **Students who file for Fall 2011 graduation will have their names appear in the 2012 commencement program.**

I filed my EDDA form, now what do I have to do? Do I need to sign-up anywhere to participate in the Ceremony?

NO, you do not have to sign up anywhere to participate in the ceremony. When you rent your cap and gown from the [UCSD Bookstore](#), you will be given a ticket that will admit you to the Earl Warren College ceremony – and ONLY the Warren College ceremony.

I'm not going to complete all my units by the end of summer quarter. Can I still walk in the ceremony? What if I don't complete my units until Fall 2011?

Yes, you may participate in the commencement ceremony, if you plan to file your EDDA for the summer. It is important to note that **if you wait too long to file, your name may not appear in the printed graduation program.** In order to have your name included in the program, you must file your EDDA by week 5 of spring quarter (Friday, April 29). If you are completing your academic requirements in Fall 2011, you may still participate in the Warren ceremony in June; however, your name **will not** be printed in this year's commencement program.

How do I know if I'm listed in the printed program?

The only way to be placed in the printed program is to have filed an EDDA with the Warren College Academic Advising Office. If you file an EDDA before week 5 of spring quarter, your name will appear in the printed Commencement Program as it appears on your student record.

I'm not a Warren student but I have friends at Warren and I want to walk with them - what can I do?

You will NOT be able to walk in the Warren ceremony. Each UCSD college is requiring that graduates walk in their own college ceremony. Only Warren College graduates with the appropriate ticket will be let into the graduate area. Exception requests may be made by following the directions on [this website](#).

How many tickets may I get for my family and friends for graduation?

There are **NO tickets needed for guests** to attend the Warren College Commencement ceremony. However, because seating is limited, we ask that students have no more than 6 seated guests. It is suggested that students inform family and friends to be courteous to those who may need seating.

How do I audition to become the student speaker at commencement?

Information regarding auditioning for the student speaker will be announced in spring quarter via the website and the Warren Events email. For more information, contact wardean@ucsd.edu. There will not be auditions for any other parts of the commencement ceremony.

When is the Grad Night at the Price Center Bookstore?

The date for Grad Night at the Bookstore will be announced in spring 2011. This event, hosted by the Bookstore and the Alumni Association, will be your first opportunity to purchase the 2011 Triton Pride pack of commemorative graduation items.

What is ACGC?

ACGC, or the **All-Campus Graduation Celebration, is scheduled for Friday, June 10**. ACGC is a graduation celebration event that brings all graduating students together to celebrate their achievement, say goodbye to one another, and look forward to the next chapter of their life as UCSD alumni. ACGC is different from UCSD commencement ceremonies in that it does not confer degrees, the attendees do not wear caps and gowns, and it is not limited to a single college or academic school. ACGC is intended to be more informal, fun and social than a traditional commencement. It provides graduating students an opportunity to celebrate graduation with their friends outside of their bounds of their college or academic school.

Where do I get my cap and gown?

Caps and gowns will be available at the UCSD Bookstore in June. The rental fee has not yet been decided for June 2011. This fee includes only **ONE** tassel and cap that you can keep; additional tassels will be available for purchase. All fittings must be done in person. Please note that gowns must be returned to the Bookstore staff following the commencement ceremony, so wear appropriate clothing underneath. Bookstore staff will be located at the commencement site for gown returns.

Graduates who currently live out of town (i.e., are studying abroad, are participating in UCDC, or those who have graduated in previous quarters and have already moved) please contact the Bookstore for advice on how to obtain your cap, gown, and college ceremony ticket.

Where can I purchase announcements and other graduation items?

Personalized announcements can be ordered directly from the vendor by calling 1-800-433-0296 or visiting their website at <http://cbgrad.com>. Various packages that include thank you notes, envelope seals, return address labels, and an announcement cover are also available.

Open stock announcements (that are NOT personalized) are available at the UCSD Bookstore. The UCSD Bookstore also has other items that you may be interested in acquiring for your graduation, such as UCSD Class Rings, diploma laminating and framing, and thank you and note cards. Items include the UCSD Stole of Gratitude, Honor cords, extra tassels, etc. Visit the UCSD Bookstore's online [Graduation Shop](#) for more information.

How do I know if I'm graduating with Latin Honors?

College honors are awarded according to the top 14% standard adopted by the Academic Senate. The GPA range changes each academic year. To be eligible for honors, a student must receive letter grades for at least 80 quarter units of course work at a UC campus.

The criteria for Latin Honors for Fall 2010- Summer 2011 is as follows:

Summa Cum Laude	3.897-4.000
Magna Cum Laude	3.792-3.896
Cum Laude	3.648-3.791

When will I get my diploma?

Diplomas are mailed to the student's permanent mailing address approximately 3–6 months after the end of the quarter of graduation, following final verification of completion of all UCSD graduation requirements. Diplomas are issued by the Registrar's Office - if you need a replacement diploma or have questions, go [here](#).

Is there a rehearsal for commencement?

No, there is no rehearsal for the Warren Graduation Ceremony. Just show up at the student area with your cap and gown and ticket. **Please fill out all of the information on the ticket in advance.** A Warren College Staff member will give you instructions from there. It's that easy!

How long is the ceremony?

The Warren College ceremony is approximately 2.5 hours so please plan your post-graduation activities accordingly. Also allow approximately an hour to return to your car and leave campus. There will be additional traffic congestion with others coming to attend later ceremonies. **Out of RESPECT for ALL GRADUATES, graduates will not be allowed to leave the graduate area until the recessional of the program.**

Where can I park?

Parking - our favorite subject at UCSD. Parking will be **FREE** on Sunday for the commencement ceremony. However, there will be a significant amount of traffic on campus that day, so please give yourself ample time to secure parking and plan your post-Commencement plans accordingly.

More than 9,000 people are expected to attend UCSD commencement ceremonies. **Please follow the signage and directions from the parking attendants. As the parking lots fill, attendants will direct traffic to additional campus lots.** For those who are directed to the Regents or East campus lots, shuttle service will be provided to and from those lots all day.

Those with accessible parking needs attending the ceremony should enter via North Point Drive and follow the signs. Please make sure you have your disabled placard visible for the parking attendants.

[Parking Page Link](#)

[Parking Map Link](#)

Here are a few tips to help with parking:

1. **CARPOOL** – Please come with as many people in your party in as few cars as possible. Graduating students, this means please come with your family and do not drive by yourself.
2. Have more than one parking option available ahead of time. As parking lots fill up they will be closed, so have an alternative parking spot in mind.
3. Please listen to the parking attendants. They are only doing their job to make sure traffic is moving. Getting upset with them will not help move cars any faster.
4. Plan ahead to get there early and get out late. It takes time to get cars in and out of each of the parking lots, so expect delays. The ceremony starts at 8:00 AM and traffic starts to get busy an hour before the ceremony. Once the ceremony has concluded expect that it will take about an hour to get off campus. Please, if you are making restaurant reservations, plan accordingly.

Can I reserve seats?

No, seats are available only on a first come first serve basis. In the graduate seating area, graduates may sit with their friends from different majors. However, you are not permitted to

save seats for graduates that arrive later than you. Guests are not permitted to save seats for others arriving later than them as well.

Will someone take photos of the graduates at commencement and how do I order copies?

Yes. California Candidids will be taking photos of all grads as they approach the stage and as they cross the stage. Graduates will receive an email in late June 2011 with a link to the website containing proofs. Orders should be placed within two to three weeks upon receipt of the email. For additional information, visit the company's website: <http://www.calcandidids.com/Information/>

During the ceremony, all personal photographs must be taken from your seats. Graduates and families will not be allowed in the aisles, and please be courteous to other attendees by not obstructing their view.

Where are the rest rooms at the ceremony?

Portable bathrooms are available on the RIMAC Field.

Where can I buy water/drinks/food at the ceremony?

There is a concession stand at the northwest corner of the RIMAC Field; there are many food/restaurant options in the RIMAC Annex or you can go to the Price Center.

Is there a place where I can leave these balloons?

No, but we ask that you please sit in the back row for the ceremony.

Can I bring a canopy or umbrella?

Yes, but you must sit in the back of the guest area and umbrellas must be taken down PRIOR to the processional. You will be reminded.

Where can we go for medical attention?

The EMT booth, located on the field behind the last row of chairs.

Where is the Lost and Found?

Lost & Found items can be given to any security officer. Items will be left in Green Room and turned over to Campus Police on Monday, June 13.

Where do I go the day of Graduation?

- Wake up EARLY
- Show up at RIMAC 1 hour before the start of the ceremony - **that means being on campus at 7:00 AM!**
- Bring your cap and gown with you (if you are not already wearing it), along with the Warren College graduation ticket, and proceed to the North Campus Recreational Field (also known as RIMAC Field). Follow the signs to stairs that will take you down to the graduate area, taking the stairs adjacent to RIMAC arena and the softball field. Note: your family and friends need to proceed directly onto the RIMAC Field. **ONLY**

GRADUATES WITH TICKETS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE GRADUATE AREA.

- When you arrive, **you will be reminded to completely and clearly fill in the requested information on the graduation ticket. Please be advised that inappropriate nicknames will be screened prior to your crossing of the stage.** Those who write inappropriate nicknames or have illegible handwriting will be asked to rewrite the information on the card.
- PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, listen for and comply with instructions of the commencement staff that will be there to assist you.
- "Pomp and Circumstance" will begin and the platform party will process down the center aisle. You should be at your seat at this time!!!!
- The Provost will proceed with the ceremony: speeches (by the Chancellor and others), recognition of students and faculty receiving awards, recognition of Phi Beta Kappa inductees and Latin Honors awardees, and then the reading of graduates' names and crossing the stage.
- The ceremony will conclude with the traditional turning of the tassel (from right to left) and then a recessional of the platform party.

It is recommended that graduating students arrive 1 hour prior to the start of the ceremony. This will allow you time to find parking, your family and friends time to find seating, and for you to get into the graduate area. The ceremony will start promptly at 8:00 AM, with or without you. The more time you allow, the more enjoyable your day!