

IMPORTANT GRADUATION INFORMATION — PLEASE READ

Graduation Application and Ceremony Attendance Form

1. Who is eligible to attend the May 2025 ceremonies?
 - a. BS, MS & PhD Students who completed their degrees in Fall 2024, Winter 2025, or who have applied to graduate in Spring 2025, Summer 2025, Fall 2025 and Winter 2026

2. I have two majors, am I invited to attend both Departmental Convocations?
 - a. While any graduate in regalia may participate in a ceremony, only primary majors will be included in communication and will be allocated guest tickets for that program's Convocation.

3. What is the deadline to apply for graduation on SOLAR?
 - a. The deadline to apply for spring 2025, summer 2025 or fall 2025 graduation and have your name appear in May 2025 commencement publications is April 16, 2025. The deadline to apply for spring/summer/fall 2025 graduation and be invited to attend the May 2025 commencement ceremonies is May 9, 2025.

4. What is the difference between the May Ceremony and the Department Ceremony on the graduation application?
 - a. The May Ceremony refers to the University-wide Commencement. As part of this ceremony, students will formally process in and sit on the field, however individual names will not be read. There will be live music, the turning of the tassels, a Commencement address, and more.
 - b. The "Department" ceremony for any student in the CEAS refers to your major Department's ceremony (for AMS, DAS & CSE, this refers to the Applied Sciences ceremony). These ceremonies will include a formal procession and recognition of each graduate. They may also include speeches and awards. Some ceremonies are followed by a reception.
 - c. A full list of graduation ceremonies can be found on [this](#) website.

5. I applied to the wrong ceremony on SOLAR, can I change my RSVP?
 - a. You can use the Ceremony Attendance Change Form on SOLAR to update your ceremony response up until May 9, 2025.

6. I indicated I wish to attend one (or both) of the ceremonies but no longer plan to attend, do I need to inform anyone?
 - a. If you wish to update your Ceremony Attendance Change Form, you may do so, but you can also opt not to attend without any prior notification.
7. I missed the May 9 graduation application deadline, can I still attend a ceremony?
 - a. The May 9 deadline is strictly enforced. Students who do not register on time will *not* be allocated guest tickets.
8. I don't remember what ceremonies I indicated I plan to attend. Where can I see this information?
 - a. Please contact your Department's ceremony coordinator, or email CEAS_Convocation@stonybrook.edu to inquire.

Senior Portraits

Thornton Studio will be on campus at the Charles B. Wang Center, Room 102. Schedule appointments at www.ThorntonStudio.com, School Code 02838. For more information on the date and times Thornton will be on campus, please visit the [Commencement website](#).

Main Ceremony Student Speaker

Graduating students could submit a speech for a chance to speak at Commencement!

Written speech submissions are due by 4:00 PM on **Friday, April 4th** via [this form](#).

Auditions: Wednesday, April 9, 2025, 12:00–3:00 PM, SAC Sidney Gelber Auditorium
(Appointments based on eligibility & submission).

Ceremony Details

University Ceremony

Date/Time/Location: Friday, May 23rd, at LaValle Stadium.

- Candidate line-up begins at 10:00 a.m. in the Arena parking lot
- Ceremony starts promptly at 11:00 a.m. (ceremony is approximately 2 hours).

Tickets:

- Due to increasing class sizes and venue capacity at the stadium, the number of guest tickets per candidate is under evaluation. Tickets will be available for all registered candidates on this [website](#) beginning Tuesday, May 6th.
- Tickets are free, and students will not be billed or required to pay for them.

Accessibility:

- The ceremony will be closed-captioned, live-streamed and recorded, with a live stream link posted on the above website on the morning of Friday, May 23rd.
- If you have other accessibility concerns with the University ceremony, please email commencement@stonybrook.edu.

Attire:

- Full academic regalia must be worn (cap & gown).
- [Order](#) your regalia between January 22 - March 14, 2024 and have your regalia ready to pick up at Shop Red West April 24 - May 17, 2024 regalia to pick it up from Shop Red West.
- Please reach out to the Shop Red West Team at shopredwest@stonybrook.edu with any questions regarding regalia.

Departmental Ceremonies (CIVIL)

Date/Time/Location:

- Dates range from Wednesday, May 21 through Friday, May 23.
- A full schedule of ceremonies can be found [here](#).

Tickets:

- Due to increasing class sizes and venue capacity at the stadium, the number of guest tickets per candidate is under evaluation. Ticket information will be available at the start of May, 2025.

- Tickets are free, and students will not be billed or required to pay for them.

Accessibility:

- Please email your ceremony's event coordinator if you have any accessibility concerns with the departmental ceremony.

Attire:

- Full academic regalia must be worn (cap & gown).
- If you ordered your regalia between January 22 - March 14, 2024 to have your regalia ready to pick up at Shop Red West, you may pick up regalia April 24 - May 17, 2024 from Shop Red West.
- Please reach out to the Shop Red West Team at shopredwest@stonybrook.edu with any questions regarding regalia.

****Note**** Students are only invited to the departmental ceremony for their primary major. If a student has two majors, one within CEAS and one outside of CEAS, they are invited to attend the CEAS program's ceremony.

Which ceremony is for my major?

Ceremony Name	Majors Included
Applied Sciences	Applied Math & Statistics, Data Science, Computer Science, Information System
Biomedical Engineering	Biomedical Engineering, Biomedical Informatics
Civil Engineering	Civil Engineering
Materials Science & Chemical Engineering	Chemical & Molecular Engineering, Engineering Science,

	Materials Science
Electrical & Computer Engineering	Computer Engineering, Engineering Artificial Intelligence, Electrical Engineering, Electrical Engineering Online
Mechanical Engineering	Mechanical Engineering
Technology & Society	Technological Systems Management, Technology Policy & Innovation

Attending both University & Department Convocation

- If the two ceremonies are on separate days, please inform your guests about local accommodation options.
- Note that you must secure tickets to each ceremony you attend, and the number of guest tickets permitted for each ceremony may differ.
- View the full ceremony schedule [here](#), or contact your department's ceremony coordinator for more detailed information about your departmental ceremony.

Ticket Information for the Civil Engineering Ceremony

Tickets will be required for your guests to attend the Civil Engineering Ceremony as follows:

Number of guest tickets and live-streaming

- The number of guest tickets allocated for the Civil Engineering ceremony:
 - Civil Engineering - **4** tickets in the Theater and an option to secure **3** additional tickets for the overflow location in the Wang lecture halls. The ceremony will be live-streamed via the link below for Civil Engineering:
 - <https://stonybrook.zoom.us/j/96486960177?pwd=JraaKBaizZdgT32GjQv3jA6m2>

****Note**** - the two locations have unique tickets and are not interchangeable.

- Tickets are **not** required for graduates. Graduates must be in academic regalia to attend their ceremonies

When are tickets available?

- Tickets will be made available starting May 6 for students that applied to a ceremony by April 16. All students eligible to receive tickets will receive an automated email instructing them to collect their tickets.
- Any late applications received by the final deadline of May 9 will be added to the ticketing system to be retrieved starting May 12.
- Graduates in ceremonies with a waitlist option must have their tickets retrieved **no later than May 15, 2025**. Any unretrieved tickets will be distributed to the waitlist starting May 16.
- Ceremonies without a waitlist will have their tickets retrievable up to the day of the ceremony.
- ****NOTE**** Graduates may only retrieve their tickets **once**. If they collect less than the allotted amount of tickets, they **will not** be able to go back and change their selection.

Ticket Format

- Tickets are electronic with unique barcodes. Guests must present the image on their cellphones or via printout to enter the ceremony location.

Island Photography

- Island Photography will be on hand to take your photo as you walk up to the stage during the Civil Engineering Ceremony
- **Scan the QR code in the attached flyer** from Island Photography to complete your Selfie Check-in NOW so you don't miss out!

Honors Stoles

1. How is the eligibility for degrees with distinction determined?
 - a. Degrees with distinction are conferred on candidates who have met criteria as outlined in the [Undergraduate Bulletin](#). Official distinctions are only determined after a student has completed their final semester's classes.
Spring/Summer/Fall 2025 graduation candidates are provided with a "projected" distinction based on their grade point average as of April 16, 2025. Students that apply for graduation between April 16 and May 9 will be screened for this "projected" distinction after May 9.

1. When and where can I collect my honors stole?
 - a. If you would like to pick up your honors stole, you may stop by the CEAS Undergraduate Student Office, Room 231 Engineering, from 10 am – 4 pm on the following dates:
 - i. April 22
 - ii. April 23
 - iii. April 24
 - iv. April 29
 - v. April 30
 - vi. May 1
 - vii. May 2
 - viii. May 6
 - ix. May 7
 - x. May 8
 - xi. May 9
 - xii. May 13
 - xiii. May 14
 - xiv. May 15
 - xv. May 16
 - xvi. May 20
 - xvii. May 21
 - xviii. May 22
 - xix. May 23
 - b. Please be sure to bring a picture ID with you when picking up your honors stole.

3. I am no longer on campus, how can I collect my honors stole?
 - a. If you are unable to personally pick up your honors stole, email ceas_convocation@stonybrook.edu and designate the first and last name of the individual who is authorized to pick up your stole. This individual will need to show their picture ID to collect your stole.

4. Can I collect my honors stole on May 23 or at the ceremony?
 - a. Stoles can be picked up from the CEAS Undergraduate Student Office on May 23, however they will **not** be available for pickup at the University Commencement or Departmental Convocation.

5. My GPA is high enough to meet the [criteria for honors](#), why was I not emailed to pick up a stole?
 - a. Students who were ever found guilty of academic dishonesty are not eligible to graduate with honors. This applies even if the Q grade has been resolved.
 - b. Students who do not complete 55 credits in residence at SBU are not eligible to graduate with honors.
 - c. As per University [Policy](#), students who have been found guilty of academic dishonesty and, as a consequence, have been assigned a Q grade may not graduate with University honors. This is true even if the Q grade has since been resolved.