

## Undergraduate Commencement Instructions 2024

### PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

#### Tickets

**ADMISSION BY TICKET ONLY!** Tickets are **REQUIRED** for the Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony for all guests. **STUDENTS GRADUATING do not need tickets.**

- Each student will be allotted **6** tickets
- Details for selecting tickets will be sent to your [Niagara University email](#) account by Tuesday, March 26, 2024. The link for tickets will be sent on Tuesday, April 2nd, 2024.

#### Caps and Gowns

- Caps and gowns can be picked up at the Campus Bookstore beginning Monday, April 8, 2024, and continuing through Friday, May 10, 2024.
- The Campus Bookstore is open Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. and starting Saturday, April 20th, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. through Saturday, May 4, 2024.
- Students will need to provide their height and the type of degree they will be receiving when picking up their cap and gown.
- Caps, gowns, and hoods are the possession of each graduate and need not be returned.

#### Commencement Liturgy

5:00 p.m. Mass on Friday, May 10, 2024

St. Vincent Alumni Hall Chapel - Niagara University-Main Campus

There will be no procession *at the liturgy* for the Class of 2024, although graduates will wear academic attire. Graduates, their parents, and friends are to go directly to the chapel. *Remain in your places after the liturgy for the recessional of the Concelebrants.*

#### Commencement Ceremony

**Saturday, May 11, 2024**

**Artpark's Mainstage**

**450 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Lewiston, NY 14092**

#### **Morning Ceremony:**

**College of Business /College of Education /College of Hospitality, Sport, and Tourism Management**

- 8:30 a.m. Graduates check in with their college and proceed to the first tier of the main stage. Gates are open for ticket holders.

***Commencement Begins Promptly: 9:45 a.m.***

#### **Afternoon Ceremony:**

**College of Arts and Science and College of Nursing**

- 1:30 p.m. Graduates check in with their college and proceed to the first tier of the main stage.
- Gates are open for ticket holders.

***Commencement Begins Promptly: 2:45 p.m.***

1. Graduates are to wear their gowns, hoods, and caps. The tassel on the cap hangs over the right eye until the conferral of the degrees.
2. Gentlemen please remove caps for National Anthems and Invocation.
3. Each student will receive a diploma cover as they cross the stage. Your diploma will be mailed to your home address in approximately 8 weeks. Please make sure the college has the correct mailing address.
4.
  - a) The Conferring of Degrees. Immediately after the Commencement Address, the Associate Provost will address the President in a statement introducing the Degree Candidates. As soon as the Associate Provost begins to speak, all degree candidates will be asked to stand and remain standing until the President concludes his response.
  - b) Your Dean will then request the degree candidates to stand. The Dean calls the names of the candidates who ascend the stage to receive their diploma cover individually. On returning to their places, the graduates are seated.
  - c) The Dean of each college follows the procedure outlined in paragraph (b) above.
5. Citations and prizes for the graduating class will be presented to the student during many of the award ceremonies including commencement.
6. The President of the Senior Class will offer an expression of gratitude to parents, faculty, and administration.
7. There will be a recessional; please remain in your place until it is your turn to march out.
8. First aid – contact a security officer.
9. Alcoholic beverages are not allowed and will be confiscated.
10. Graduates should attend the Commencement Exercises unless personally excused by the Dean.
11. When you receive your diploma in the mail, please review it for any errors. If there is an error on your diploma, please notify your Dean's office at the numbers provided in the envelope you received, please do so within two weeks of receiving your diploma. Diplomas returned beyond that time will be considered replacement diplomas and therefore subject to additional costs.

Further information regarding Commencement can be accessed by the link below:

<https://www.niagara.edu/commencement/>

**To learn more about the venue for the graduation ceremonies please visit Artpark's website:**

<https://www.artpark.net/>