

SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY  
2023 MAY GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT  
A GUIDE FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

John Lyman Center for the Performing Arts  
May 18, 2023

The University will hold two commencement ceremonies for students receiving Master's Degrees, Sixth Year Professional Diplomas, and Doctoral Degrees. Both ceremonies will be held on Thursday, May 18, 2023, in the John Lyman Center at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Check the list below to determine according to your major the ceremony you should attend.

#### ELIGIBLE COMMENCEMENT PARTICIPANTS

- Students who completed their degree or diploma requirements at the end of the fall 2022 semester
- Students who will complete their degree requirements in May 2023 and in August 2023.
- Students who have been declared eligible to graduate by the Registrar

#### MANDATORY COMMENCEMENT REGISTRATION

• Seating for your guests is limited in the Lyman Center. Only those who register for the Commencement will receive tickets for their guests. The number of guest tickets will be determined by the number of students who plan to attend. It is expected that each participant will receive a minimum of two tickets. Tickets will be distributed starting in April (check [www.southernct.edu/grad](http://www.southernct.edu/grad) for more details) at the Graduate Office only to those who have registered for the Commencement and have been cleared by the Registrar.

#### ACADEMIC REGALIA

Candidates for Graduate Degrees and Sixth Year Diplomas must wear appropriate academic regalia (Master's and Doctoral Degree students wear cap, tassel, gown, and hood; Sixth Year Diploma students wear cap, tassel, gown, hood, and stole). Regalia can be purchased through the Campus Barnes and Noble Bookstore, located in the lower level of the Adanti Student Center, from April 8 through May 17. **NOTE: Academic regalia must be purchased *before* the day of Commencement. Regalia will not be available for purchase the day of Commencement.**

Sixth Year Diploma candidates may wear the master's level academic regalia they wore at previous graduate level commencements, but they still need to purchase the special Sixth Year Diploma stole. Students who are not attired in the appropriate academic regalia will not be allowed to participate in the Commencement. Please contact the bookstore at (203) 392-5270 for more information about how to order regalia.

#### WHICH CEREMONY SHOULD YOU ATTEND?

Specific majors will be recognized at only one of the two ceremonies. Therefore, you must attend the ceremony at which your major will be recognized.

### ***AFTERNOON CEREMONY (2PM)***

#### **College of Arts and Sciences**

Applied Physics  
Bilingual Education/TESOL  
Biology  
Chemistry  
Computer Science  
Creative Writing  
English  
Environmental Studies  
History  
Integrative Biological Diversity  
Political Science  
Psychology  
Romance Languages  
Sociology  
Women's and Gender Studies

#### **College of Health & Human Services**

Athletic Training  
Communication Disorders  
Exercise Science  
Marriage and Family Therapy  
Nursing  
Physical Activity and Chronic Disease  
Public Health  
Recreation & Leisure  
School Health Education  
Sport and Entertainment Management  
Social Work

### ***EVENING CEREMONY (7PM)***

#### **College of Education**

Classroom Teacher Specialist  
Clinical Mental Health Counseling  
Curriculum and Instruction  
Educational Leadership  
Library Information Science  
Reading  
School Counseling  
School Psychology  
Special Education  
Teaching (MAT)

#### **School of Business**

Business Administration

### **ACADEMIC PROCESSION FOR AFTERNOON AND EVENING CEREMONIES**

- The afternoon Commencement procession will begin promptly at 2 p.m. Therefore, you must report by 12:30 p.m. in Engleman Hall to check in and receive a name card. There will be a line position number on that card indicating where you will be in the procession.
- The evening Commencement procession will begin promptly at 7 p.m. Therefore, you must report by 5:30 p.m. in Engleman Hall to check in and receive a name card. There will be a line position number on that card indicating where you will be in the procession.

Master's and Doctoral Degree candidates wear their caps, tassels, and gowns in the procession, but carry their hoods over their right arm for the procession. The hood will be invested on you when you are called on stage during the ceremony.

Sixth Year Diploma candidates wear their caps, tassels, gowns, and hoods in the procession, but carry their stoles over their right arm for the procession. The stole will be invested on you when you are called on stage during the ceremony.

### **SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

The University will provide special services for persons with disabilities. These services include interpreters and large-type printed materials. A limited number of accessible wheelchair locations in Lyman is available. Please call (203) 392-6828 (Voice) or (203) 392-6131 (TDD) before May 1, 2023, if you wish to use any of these services. Also, persons with State handicapped parking stickers on their cars may use the faculty/staff lot behind the Lyman Center.