

SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY
2024 MAY GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT
A GUIDE FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

Total Mortgage Arena, Bridgeport, CT
May 17, 2024
4:30 p.m.

The University will hold a graduate commencement ceremony for students receiving Master's Degrees, Sixth Year Professional Diplomas, Post-Master Certificates, Graduate Certificates, and Doctoral Degrees. The ceremony will be held on Friday, May 17, 2024, at the Total Mortgage Arena in Bridgeport, CT, at 4:30 p.m.

ELIGIBLE COMMENCEMENT PARTICIPANTS

- Students who completed their degree or diploma requirements at the end of the fall 2023 semester, or;
- Students who will complete their degree requirements in May 2024 and in August 2024, and;
- Students who have been declared eligible to graduate by the Registrar, and;
- Students who have submitted the Graduate Commencement Participation Form by March 29, 2024.

MANDATORY COMMENCEMENT REGISTRATION

- Only those who register for the Commencement will receive tickets for their guests. Participants are eligible for a maximum of 6 tickets, granted only to those who have registered for the Commencement and have been cleared by the Registrar. Once registered, you will receive further information about registering for, and receiving your reader card for the ceremony.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

Graduate Commencement participants must wear appropriate academic regalia:

Master's and Doctoral Degree students wear cap, tassel, gown, and hood;
Sixth Year Diploma/Post-Master's Certificate students wear cap, tassel, gown, hood, and stole;
Graduate Certificate students wear cap, tassel, gown, and cord.

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 15. **NOTE: Academic regalia must be purchased prior to the date of Commencement. Regalia will not be available for purchase on the day of Commencement.**

Sixth Year Diploma/Post-Master's Certificate 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/Post-Master's stole. Graduate Certificate students, may wear the academic regalia from their highest degree achieved, that they wore at previous commencements, but still need to purchase the Graduate Certificate cord. **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.

ACADEMIC PROCESSION FOR THE CEREMONY

The Commencement procession will begin promptly at 4:30 p.m. Therefore, you must report by 2:30 p.m. to the [Total Mortgage Arena](#) to check in and receive a position card. There will be a line position number on that card indicating where you will be in the procession. General seating for guests will open at 3:30 p.m.

- **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 and Post-Master's Certificate 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.
- **Graduate Certificate candidates** wear their caps, tassels, gowns, and hoods (if you hold a Master's Degree) in the procession, but carry their cord over their right arm for the procession. The cord 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.