

COMMENCEMENT

Yale 2012

Information for Graduate & Professional Schools

Announcements

University Commencement announcements may be purchased online on the Commencement website (see *Announcement Cards* section). An order form in pdf format is also available, 203 432-8266.

Academic Attire

Keepsake caps, gowns, and hoods will be sold by the student Cap and Gown Agency and may be ordered online at www.yale.edu/sis through April 6 (the penalty-free deadline for orders is March 30). For information on price, distribution hours, and regalia protocol, see *Caps and Gowns* section of Commencement website.

Please note that keepsake gowns are black and intended for relatively limited use. Candidates wishing to purchase custom Yale regalia (i.e., “Yale blue” doctoral or master’s gown, faille hood, doctoral tam or cap) should contact the Custom Department of Oak Hall Industries, 800 223-0429. Order forms for custom Yale regalia may be downloaded from the *Caps and Gowns* section of the Commencement website.

Diplomas

Your registrar will seek confirmation of the listing of your name. Corrections must be received by your registrar no later than April 9.

Diplomas for Law School candidates become available after Commencement and must be mailed. All Law School candidates, as well as candidates from other schools who wish to have their diplomas mailed, should submit a diploma mailing address valid after June 1 at www.yale.edu/sis.

Payment of Bills

Students with unpaid charges will not receive diplomas until charges are paid. All amounts due which appear on April bills from the Office of Student Financial Services must be paid in full by May 1 before diplomas are released, 203 432-2700.

During the spring term, all degree candidates with outstanding loans will be asked by email to complete an online exit interview. This interview is required before diplomas are released, 203 432-2700.

Rain

Commencement is held outdoors regardless of weather. The rain site for your school’s diploma ceremony is listed on its web schedule.

The ceremony on Old Campus is broadcast live on Yale cable television as well as the local Comcast channel and will be streamed on website www.yale.edu/commencement. Check with your dean for designated simulcast viewing sites for your school’s Commencement guests.

Disabilities or Health Concerns

Should you or a guest require a wheelchair or special assistance, email lauralee.field@yale.edu or call 203 432-2317 by April 30. See also *Disabilities* section on Commencement website.

Return of Library Materials

Graduating students should return borrowed library materials prior to Commencement and resolve outstanding issues with respect to fines and fees owed. Please direct disputes to the billing library. Failure to do so may result in diplomas being withheld. You may check your library account online or contact Sterling Memorial Library Information Services Desk at smlcirc@yale.edu, 203 432-7189.

Graduating students are eligible for free borrowing privileges through the summer and may continue those privileges after August 31 at the alumni rate. Visit www.library.yale.edu/circ/alumni.html for more information or contact SML Information Services Desk, smlcirc@yale.edu, 203 432-7189.

Accommodations

A list of area hotels is found under *Accommodations* on the Commencement website. It is not intended to imply University recommendation or endorsement, but is assembled for your convenience. A limited number of rooms will be available in campus dormitories for a flat rate of \$148 per person for three days or fewer. For reservations see *Accommodations* on Commencement website.

Parking

University lots are open to the public from 4 PM Friday through Sunday. Satellite parking with wheelchair-accessible shuttle service to Old Campus will be available Monday from 7:30 to 9:45 AM from Pierson-Sage garage on Whitney Avenue. For directions, see *Parking and Directions* on Commencement website.

Commencement Protocol

When you reach your designated seats on Old Campus, sit immediately and remove your cap. Rise and put your cap on after your dean says the following: “I have the honor to present candidates for the degree of (name), xxx in number.” When all candidates for your degree are standing, the President confers degrees “as designated by the dean”; and student marshals go forward to accept symbolic diplomas. As they return to their places, remove your cap and sit down. After the benediction, replace your cap and stand until the President and members of the Yale Corporation have left the platform. Follow your marshals back to your school, or to a place designated by your dean, to receive your diploma.

Academic attire should be worn over appropriate dark clothing. Please refrain from taking pictures during the procession.