

Yale 2012

Information for Seniors

Announcements

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

Academic Regalia

Students receiving a bachelor's degree wear simple black gowns and mortarboards. Students also receiving a master's degree wear hoods. Retainable gowns, caps, and hoods are sold and distributed through the student Cap and Gown Agency and may be ordered online at www.yale.edu/sis using a credit card or student account. The deadline to bill to student accounts is March 30, and the deadline for all regalia orders is April 6. Information on price, distribution, and regalia protocol is under *Caps and Gowns* on the Commencement website.

Diplomas

The registrar will send an email in February with instructions to visit www.yale.edu/sis to confirm the listing of your name and degree. If corrections are required, print out the form "Diploma Name and Degree Verification." Enter your corrections, sign, and submit the form in person or by fax to the Registrar's office, 246 Church Street, 3rd floor. Fax: 203 432-8644. Corrections are due by April 9.

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 and Class Day are held outdoors regardless of weather. Diploma ceremonies in some residential colleges may be moved to alternative locations, which are listed in the *Rain* section of the Commencement website.

Simulcast

Commencement and Class Day are broadcast live on Yale cable television and the local Comcast channel and will be streamed on website www.yale.edu/commencement.

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 limited number of dormitory rooms will be available at 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.

Baccalaureate Protocol

Sit immediately when you reach your seat in Woolsey Hall. Stand when the President's party enters. When the President sits, remove your cap and sit. Stand at the end of the President's address, when he says, "Women and men of the Class of 2012. . . ." At the conclusion of the service, replace your cap and follow your dean out of the hall.

Commencement Protocol

When you reach your designated seats on Old Campus, sit immediately and remove your cap. Rise and put your cap on after the Dean of Yale College presents candidates for your degree. When all candidates for bachelors' degrees are standing, the President will confer degrees "as designated by the Dean"; and student marshals will go forward to accept symbolic diplomas. When they return to their places, remove your cap and sit down. Following the benediction, replace your cap and stand until the President and members of the Yale Corporation have left the platform. Follow your college dean back to your residential college to receive your diploma.

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