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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

DECEMBER 2001 COMMENCEMENT

When is commencement?

Sunday, Dec. 16, 2001, in the Convocation Center. The processional of students into the Convocation Center arena will begin twenty minutes prior to the start of the program (1:40 p.m. for the 2 p.m. ceremony). The program will begin promptly at 2 p.m.

When and where do I obtain my cap and gown?

All students purchase their caps and gowns at the University Bookstore, McKenny Union. Academic dress is now available for purchase. Specific times are listed on the commencement information sheets and the graduation cap and gown vouchers. All academic dress is yours to keep, unless you are a doctoral candidate and have chosen the rental option.

Undergraduate students receive a cap, gown and tassel for \$18.98 plus tax. Undergraduates receiving academic honors (3.50-or-higher cumulative GPA) are entitled to wear a gold tassel. These may be picked up at 303 Pierce Hall during the weeks of Dec. 3 and Dec. 10.

Specialist, Certificate and Masters students receive a cap, gown, hood and tassel for \$38.98 plus tax. The color of the hood corresponds to the color designated for the particular college (not department) from which one is graduating.

Doctoral students receive a cap, gown, hood and tassel for \$50.98 (purchase) plus tax or \$45.98 (rental) plus tax for the basic EMU attire (not custom).

When should my guests arrive for the ceremony?

The doors to the Convocation Center will be open at 12:45 p.m. for ceremony participants and guests. Guests will enter the Convocation Center via the doors off the parking lot on both the south and west sides of the building.

When should I arrive?

You should be in line, in academic dress, ready to proceed into the Convocation Center arena by 1:30 p.m. Marshals/ushers will direct you into the Convocation Center arena. The processional begins promptly at 1:40 p.m. The commencement program will begin promptly at 2 p.m.

Where do my guests park?

Parking is available at the Convocation Center, and the lot across the street from the Convocation Center.

Are tickets required for guests?

YES, TICKETS ARE REQUIRED. You are allocated up to six (6) tickets for guests. These tickets should be picked up by 7 p.m. on Dec. 11, 2001. The tickets may be picked up at the Convocation Center. Tickets will be available Dec. 3, 6, 7 and 10, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Tickets are also available Dec. 4, 5 and 11, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. Additional tickets MAY be available on a first-come, first-served basis on Dec. 12, 13 and 14. There will be a limit to the number of extra tickets, which may be distributed. The limit will be based on the number of tickets that remain after initial distribution ends on Dec. 11. Photo ID and the enclosed ticket voucher are required when picking up your tickets.

Is there handicapped access for guests?

Yes; please make arrangements in advance for handicapped seating. Reserved tickets for handicapped seating are required. An area has been built into the facility for wheelchairs. Also a signer is available for guests with a hearing impairment in a specific section of the arena. Please contact the Convocation Center Ticket Office (734.487.2282) to make arrangements for handicapped seating. Guests may stop at the entrance to the Convocation Center nearest the B and C lots to drop off guests with a handicap. Please list on your ticket voucher the number of guests that will be seated in the wheelchair access area and/or the general handicapped area. Pick up tickets early.

Can I leave my coat in the rooms in the Convocation Center?

The rooms in the Convocation Center will NOT be locked. Please leave coats and purses with your guests.

Where do I line up for the graduation ceremony?

Bachelor's Degree students enter the Convocation Center and proceed to the lower level to the gymnasium. Graduate and Doctoral students should also proceed to the lower level to the football locker room.

How are graduates lined up?

Doctoral and graduate students will proceed with other students from the college of their major (according to the color of the hood). Undergraduates receiving academic distinction are generally seated together. All other undergraduates process in lines following.

May I sit with my friends?

Yes, whenever possible. When assembling for the processional, friends should line up behind each other, not side by side, so that you will be guided into the same row.

What takes place at the ceremony?

Faculty, students and platform guests proceed into the Convocation Center. The President provides a welcome, introduction of the platform participants, and introduces the Commencement Speaker. Following the Commencement address, students are announced individually to receive diploma covers and walk across the stage. The Board of Regents Chair reads the Charge to the Graduates and everyone proceeds out of the arena.

How are names read?

Each degree/certificate candidate receives a name/address card in the commencement information packet. Candidates should complete the card and print their name on the card (as they are to be read aloud) and bring the card to the ceremony. Cards will be handed to the reader at the stage.

Do I move my tassel from one side to the other?

No. Generally, this action is performed at some high schools and has never become a part of the University tradition. The tassel is worn on the left side.

What do I actually receive during the ceremony?

You will be handed your diploma cover as you walk across the stage. The actual diplomas may be picked up at 302 Pierce Hall during the week of March 4-8, 2002.

Does anyone take pictures?

A photographer will take a color photo of all graduates as they receive their diploma covers on stage. Graduates will be requested to stop briefly for the photo. Each graduate will receive a FREE color proof. There is no obligation to buy enlargements. A photo company representative will receive your address card on the day of commencement. The completed cards will be collected at the stage. The proofs will be sent to graduates seven days after the ceremony.

Can my family/guests take photos/videos?

Unfortunately, there is limited space at the staging area for outside photographers, which is why we provide students with a free photo. Our ushers are instructed to keep non-participants away from the stage area so that the audience can view the ceremony. Your guests may take photos and/or videos from their seats. The cameras must contain their own battery packs since electrical outlets are not available. Please ask your guests to refrain from using bright lights with video cameras since these are often distracting to others. NOTE: There will be no access to the stage or arena floor after the ceremony.

How long does Commencement last?

Since EMU has maintained the tradition of announcing the names of all graduating students, the ceremony should last approximately 1½ hours. Students will remain in their seats until the recessional. At that point, all students proceed outside. Please make arrangements with family and guests to meet at a specific site outside the Convocation Center after the ceremony.

What if the diploma mailing address I put on my graduation application changes?

You will need to notify the Office of Records and Registration, 303 Pierce Hall, Ypsilanti, MI 48197. Diplomas are mailed out by UPS and will be returned to campus if undeliverable. A change of address with the U.S. Post Office does not always reach the UPS Company, so your diploma may not be forwarded to your new address. Notifying the Office of Records and

Registration will help eliminate returned or late diplomas.

DOCTORAL, SPECIALIST'S AND MASTER'S GRADUATE DEGREE CANDIDATES GRADUATE CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS

I. DATE AND TIME

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12:45 p.m. Doors open.

1:30 p.m. Assemble in the lower level of the Convocation Center.

1:40 p.m. Processional starts to file into the Convocation Center Arena.*

2 p.m. Commencement program begins.

* You must be in academic dress and in line before the processional starts (10:10 a.m. and 1:40 p.m.) in order to participate.

II. FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS AND TRANSFER CREDIT

All bills, including library charges, parking fines and health service accounts, must be paid by the close of the current session. Persons holding certain student loans must arrange for an exit interview with the Student Loan Office, 203 Pierce Hall, 487-3335.

Any candidate for graduation who needs credit transferred to Eastern from another institution to fulfill graduation requirements must be certain the transcript reaches the Office of Records and Registration by the close of the current session.

III. CAP, GOWN, TASSEL AND HOOD

Please present the enclosed voucher when purchasing your cap and gown. Academic dress for commencement (cap, gown, tassel and hood) is now available and may be purchased from the University Bookstore, McKenny Union during the following days/times:

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Friday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Saturday 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Academic hoods are assigned according to the college (not department) from which you are graduating. The colors are as follows:

White College of Arts and Sciences

Drab College of Business

Light Blue College of Education

Citron College of Health and Human Services

Gold College of Technology

Purple All Specialists

White/Green/Blue Ed.D.

The cost of the cap, gown, tassel and hood is \$50.98 (purchase) plus tax or \$45.98 (rental) plus tax for Doctoral and \$38.98 (purchase) plus tax for Specialist, Masterís and Certificates. Please call the University Bookstore (487-1000) with any academic-dress questions.

IV. HOW TO WEAR YOUR CAP, GOWN AND HOOD

The gown must be hooked at the collar and remain hooked.

The long point of the cap should be at the back with the tassel over the left temple.

Place the hood over your head so the narrow velvet edge is at your throat. Take the bottom part of the velvet in the back and flip just the velvet so the colored satin is exposed.

Dark shoes are preferred; flowers should not be worn.

Men should remove their caps during the national anthem.

V. TICKETS

Guest seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis. You are allocated up to six (6) tickets for guests. (See FAQ section above for details) For information regarding handicapped seating, please call the Convocation Center Ticket Office at 734.487.2282.

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VII. GRADUATION CEREMONY INSTRUCTIONS

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Do not bring coats, purses, or other personal items, as the rooms will NOT be locked during the ceremony.

Candidates for graduation who are attired in academic dress will form a line in the football locker room (left at the bottom of the stairs). At the proper signal from the Marshals, graduates will proceed to the arena.

Upon the request of the Interim Provost/Graduate School Dean, the candidates for doctoral degrees will stand as called. They will walk to the stage and present their name/address card to the person announcing the graduates' names. After the students' names are called, the students will walk forward, receive their diploma covers and doctoral hoods, have their photo taken and return to their chairs.

Candidates for specialist's degrees will rise as a group, be presented to the Board of Regents and faculty, walk to the stage and present their name card to the person announcing the graduates' names. After the students' names are called, the students will walk forward, receive their diploma covers as their photos are taken, and return to their chairs.

Advanced certificates and master's degree candidates will stand as a group, be presented to the Board of Regents and faculty, walk to the stage, one row at a time, and present their name card to the person announcing the graduates' names. After the students' names are called, the students will walk forward and receive their diploma covers, have their photos taken, and return to their chairs.

Please print your name/address on the enclosed card and bring it with you to commencement. The card is used to announce your name as you walk across the stage to receive your diploma cover and to mail your photo proof.

All candidates will remain in their seats throughout the ceremony.

No food or beverages will be allowed in the Convocation Center.

Candidates will follow the direction of the Marshals for the recessional. Please make arrangements with your guests to meet at a designated spot outside the Convocation Center after the ceremony has ended.

VIII. DIPLOMAS

Diplomas for students who submitted their applications for April graduation by the deadline will be available for pick up at 302 Pierce Hall during the week of March 4-8, 2002. Picture ID is required to pick up a diploma. All diplomas that are not picked up by 5 p.m. on March 8 will be mailed to the address on the graduation application. Diplomas for those students who submitted applications after the deadline will be forwarded by mail as they are received. Provisional teaching certificates will be mailed directly from the Department of Education in Lansing.

IX. TRANSCRIPTS

All students will receive a complimentary official transcript showing all Eastern Michigan University course work when their degree has been conferred. The graduation date listed on the transcript will be Dec. 20, 2002.

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Upon the request of Interim Provost and Vice President Michael Harris, the candidates for the bachelorís degree will stand as a group. After the presentation and acceptance by the representative of the Board of Regents, all persons should be seated.

At the proper time, candidates will receive a signal to come forward for their diploma covers. Candidates will rise, one row at a time, on the signal from the Marshals. Candidates will then walk to the stage and present their card to the person announcing the graduatesí names. After your name is called, you will walk forward, receive your diploma cover as your photo is taken, and return to your chair.

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