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Eastern Michigan University's Fall 2004 Commencement ceremony will take place Sunday, December 19 at the Convocation Center on Hewitt Road. [Directions to the Convocation Center are here.](#)

APPLICATIONS FOR DECEMBER GRADUATION ARE DUE **December 2, 2004**
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Please Remember:

- **Tickets ARE required** to enter the Convocation Center. Each graduate is allotted six (6) tickets in addition to him/herself. **IMPORTANT:** For specific instructions regarding ticket pick-up, which must occur no later than Dec. 14, please review the [undergraduate](#) or [graduate](#) information. Visitors, including children, **must each have a ticket for admittance** to the Convocation Center. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. **Doors open** at 12:30 p.m.
- **Graduates** must be on the Convocation Center floor **30 minutes prior to the beginning of the ceremony** to assemble for the procession.
- **No food or beverages** will be permitted (or provided) in the Convocation Center during the Commencement ceremonies.
- Graduates should **not bring coats, purses or other personal items** into the Convocation Center unless they have guests who can hold these items during the ceremony. There will be **NO** locked facilities for valuables.
- **Handicapped access/seating is available, but must be arranged in advance.** Contact the Convocation Center during normal business hours at 734.487.2282 to arrange for handicapped seating or related special needs.
- **Personal photography is NOT permitted around the stage area.** Guests may photograph or videotape graduates from their seats, but access will not be provided to the stage area. Each graduate will, however, receive a **FREE color proof of a professional photograph** taken as they receive their diploma cover. Each graduate will have the option of purchasing additional copies of the photograph. *Please note* that the stage area and arena floor will be closed immediately following the ceremony; so no post-ceremony photography will be

EMU E-Postcard

To: grad@emich.edu
 From: grad@emich.edu

Great Job!

You deserve it!
 Congratulations for your crowning achievement! Wishing you a successful future!

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Commencement FAQs

When is commencement?

Sunday, December 19, 2004, 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.). 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. 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 \$24.95. 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 December 6 and 13, 2004. Specialist, Masters and Certificate students receive a cap, gown, hood and tassel for \$52.98. The color of the hood corresponds to the color designated for the particular college (not department) from which one is graduating. Doctoral students may choose to rent the basic EMU cap, gown, hood and tassel for \$52.98.

When should my guests arrive for the ceremony?

The doors to the Convocation Center will be open at 12:30 p.m. Guests will enter the Convocation Center via the doors off the parking lot on 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 must be picked up **by 7 p.m. December 14, 2004**. The tickets must be picked up at the Convocation Center. Tickets will be available Dec. 6, 9, 10 and 13, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Tickets are also available Dec. 7, 8 and 14 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. If tickets remain after Dec. 14, they will be made available on a first-come, first-served basis, but there is **NO GUARANTEE THAT ANY TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ANYONE AFTER 7 p.m. Dec. 14**. Remaining tickets will be distributed on a limited basis depending on how many remain (probably 2 per student). **Students must pick up their initial six tickets by December 14. Students are NOT guaranteed their initial six (6) tickets if they do not pick up these tickets by December 14.** All tickets not distributed as of 7 p.m. Dec. 14 are eligible for extra ticket distribution. Photo ID is required when picking up your tickets. For information regarding handicapped seating, please call the Convocation Center Ticket Office at 734.487.2282.

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 in a specific section of the arena to assist guests with a hearing impairment. To make arrangements for handicapped seating, ask for accessible seating when you pick up your graduation tickets. The ticketing staff will be able to help you. Guests may stop at the entrance to the Convocation Center nearest the B and C lots to drop off guests with a handicap. As a courtesy to the guest, we provide a handicapped section that will accommodate them and one additional guest. Please pick up tickets for handicapped seating 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 gymnasium in the lower level. Graduate students (Masters, Specialist, Certificate and Doctoral) should proceed to the football locker room on the lower level.

How are graduates lined up?

Graduate students (Masters, Specialist, Certificate and Doctoral) 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 will follow processing with other students from the college of their major.

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 will receive a name/address card at the ceremony. Candidates should complete the card and print their name as it is to be read aloud. 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 given your diploma cover as you walk across the stage. The actual diplomas will be mailed in mid-winter.

Does anyone take pictures?

A photographer will take a color photo of all graduates as they receive their diploma covers on stage. Each graduate will receive a FREE color proof. There is no obligation to buy enlargements. A photo company representative will receive your name/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 color proof. 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 1.5 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. **DIPLOMAS WILL NOT BE DELIVERED TO P.O. BOXES. A STREET ADDRESS IS REQUIRED.**

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A Brief Look at EMU's December 2004 Commencement

- Eastern Michigan University has more than 24,000 students. It offers two commencement ceremonies in April and one in December.
- All five of the University's colleges participate. They are the College of Arts and Sciences; the College of Business; the College of Education; the College of Health and Human Services; and the College of Technology.
- Ceremonies were originally in Bowen Field House, which was only 88,923 square feet. The Convocation Center, which is 200,000 square feet, opened in 1998. It was designed to host a variety of events, and can hold up to 9,300 persons for concerts and other events.
- This year's 2 p.m. ceremony will honor students from all five colleges.

Students eligible to participate

1,541 total students
436 graduate students
1,105 undergraduates

College of Arts and Sciences

142 graduates
510 undergraduates

College of Business

120 graduates
202 undergraduates

College of Education

92 graduates
236 undergraduates

College of Health and Human Services

26 graduates
51 undergraduates

College of Technology

55 graduates
82 undergraduates

Individualized Studies Program

1 graduate
24 undergraduates

- There are six candidates receiving a doctorate in leadership and counseling through the College of Education. The candidates include two professors, two principals, one counselor and a director of workplace education.

- Eighty eight percent of the students are from Michigan.
- There are 66 students graduating summa cum laude with 3.9 - 4.0 grade point average; 162 graduating magna cum laude with a grade point average of 3.7-3.89; and 199 students graduating cum laude with a 3.5-3.69 grade point average.
- The most popular undergraduate majors are elementary education, psychology, business, criminal justice, computer science, computer information systems, literature and language teaching, marketing, art and social work.
- Today's graduating class represents a tradition going back 155 years. Eastern Michigan was founded in 1849 as Michigan State Normal School. The first class graduated in 1854.