Graduation Day Check List
Commencement 2012
Edwards Stadium
Saturday, May 12, 2012 10 a.m.
Graduating Student Assembly @ 8:30 a.m.

☐ Graduates Get Ready
  • Have your graduating student ticket ready and line up at the Field House (adjacent to the RSF on Bancroft Way) at 8:30 a.m. You will only be able to enter through the entrance marked on the attached map. Do not enter through the RSF!
  • Please be on time. Graduates should arrive by 8:30 a.m. and photos will begin at 8:45 a.m.
  • Graduates requiring special accommodations should check in with event staff upon arrival.
  • If you wish to walk with your friends, please line up in front of or behind them, as two lines will be formed and seated in different sections. Be sure to fill out a name card with the phonetic spelling of your name so that your name can be read aloud (and correctly!) as you enter the stadium. Please only write your first and last name on the card. (No middle names or initials.) Remember that there will be more than 3,000 names to read at the ceremony.
  • Names will be read during the senior procession at the very beginning of the program. You will march on stage first, hand the name card to the reader, then take your seat in the graduate seating area on the field.

☐ Things NOT to Bring and NOT Allowed in Edwards Stadium
  • Alcoholic beverages
  • Noisemakers (bells, air horns, megaphones, etc.)
  • Banners, umbrellas and other objects that can obstruct the view of other guests
  • Prohibited items will be confiscated. Graduating students should leave their bags with family members, friends, and other guests.

☐ Things to Bring
  • Tickets! All graduates must have tickets for themselves and their guests. Will Call opens at 7:30 a.m. and is located in the kiosk outside of Edwards Stadium at the intersection of Bancroft Way and Oxford/Fulton St. If you have not picked up your tickets in advance, this is your opportunity to do so.
    If the ceremony has not sold out, tickets will be sold at Will Call for $10 per ticket. Cash only.
  • Cap and gown! You must be wearing a cap and gown to participate in Commencement.
  • Flat shoes – The field of Edwards Stadium is grass. We don’t want any injuries!
  • Be prepared for the weather. Bring sunscreen and plenty of water if it is warm; bring rain gear other than an umbrella if it is raining.
    Note that the general admission seating is on stone benches. Guests may want to bring something padded to sit on during the ceremony.
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☐ Arrival
Edwards Stadium is on Bancroft Way between Ellsworth and Fulton Streets.
  • Graduating Student entrance: The Field House (adjacent to the RSF on Bancroft Way)
  • Guest entrance: The west entrances located along Oxford/Fulton St. Guests will not be permitted to enter through the east entrances along Bancroft Way or Frank Schlessinger Way.
  • ADA (Special Accommodations) entrance: Guests with special accommodations should go to the intersection of Frank Schlessinger Way and Oxford St. Our staff will assist you from there.
Reserved parking is not available for commencement. For information on campus parking, visit pt.berkeley.edu. We encourage you to take public transportation. If you choose to drive, please consult the campus map for directions. You may park in surrounding city and private lots on a first-come, first-served basis, but fees and hours vary.

☐ Families Get Ready
  • Doors open at 8 a.m. Direct your guests, with tickets in hand to the west entrances to Edwards Stadium. Remind them to arrive early! Seating is general admission and guests will be accommodated first come, first served.
  • Note that Frank Schlessinger Way and one of the lanes on Bancroft Way will be closed to motor vehicles to allow for the increased foot traffic. We will be sharing this area of campus with several other simultaneous events, for your information.
  • We recommend that you drop off guests with special accommodations at the intersection of Frank Schlessinger Way and Oxford St. Please approach the drop-off area by heading north on Oxford St. Staff will direct your party from there. We are only able to accommodate one companion per disabled guest.

☐ Get Snapped
  • GradImages will photograph each graduate at the Field House and again on stage. The ceremony will also be available via webcast about one week after the event. Please fill out your information card so we can keep track of your picture. Photos will begin at 8:45 a.m.

☐ Keep in Touch
  • Convert your student email address to a free forwarding address. Login with your CalNet ID. Be sure you save your emails and attachments out of your CalMail account BEFORE you convert it!
  • Follow Cal on Google+, Twitter, and Foursquare.

☐ Celebrate!
  • Remember to book lunch reservations early! Restaurants will fill up quickly after the ceremony. Please visit the Berkeley Convention and Visitors Bureau for a list of restaurants.
  • Flower vendors will be outside of the stadium for families, friends, and guests to purchase flowers and leis for graduating students.
  • Congratulations on your achievement!
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Don't forget your ticket and cap and gown!