



To all students earning or applying for degrees during the academic year 2010-2011. Please read this information carefully and keep it available for easy reference. No other official notices will be sent by mail. Please share this information with your Commencement guests.

Cal State L.A.'s Sixty-Fourth Commencement!!

Congratulations — may you have a most memorable Commencement Day!

This year's Commencement Exercises will be held on **Friday, June 10, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, June 11, 2011, at 8:00 a.m.**

Commencement is a significant event in the life of a student and a time to celebrate! As you, your family and friends make plans for the "big" day that you become a Cal State L.A. graduate, questions are sure to arise.

This brochure answers those questions asked most frequently and provides information that we hope will make the 64th Commencement Exercises at Cal State L.A. special for you.

Who is eligible to participate in Commencement 2011?

All undergraduate and graduate students who received a degree from Cal State L.A. in Fall 2010 (December) and those who have submitted a graduation application

during the filing periods listed in the quarterly Schedule of Classes for Winter, Spring, and Summer 2011 are welcome to participate.

Where can I ask questions about degree requirements and graduation?

All questions about degree requirements and eligibility should be directed to your major department or division; questions about diplomas and the like should be directed to the Graduation Office, **(323) 343-3840**.

Are tickets required for admission?

YES. Each candidate will be allowed **five (5)** tickets to the Commencement Exercises. Children over eight will require an admission ticket.

Where can I obtain my admission tickets?

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS (five per candidate) will be available at GradFair 2011 on **April 13-14** from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Gymnasium, and at the University Bookstore from **May 3 to June 3** between 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, Friday 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. **Photo I.D. must be presented at the time of pick up.**

Are there other options for guests who are unable to attend the Commencement?

Yes, go to www.calstatela.edu/commencement for livestream of both Commencement celebrations or channel LA36 for live coverage (see your local cable listing).

GETTING READY FOR YOUR BIG DAY!

Where do I purchase ANNOUNCEMENTS?

You may purchase printed announcements for mailing to relatives and friends at the University Bookstore for \$14.98, plus tax. The ten-pack includes envelopes and enclosures. Personalized announcements are available online at cbgrad.com. The cost is \$53.00 for a package of 25. Allow three weeks for delivery of personalized announcements. Please note: announcements are **NOT** tickets for admission to the ceremony.

What should I do if I am concerned that my disability may interfere with my participation in the Commencement Exercises?

If you have a disability that may need accommodating during the Commencement exercises, please contact the Office for Students with Disabilities, Adm. 127, (323) 343-3140, and speak with a counselor by **May 13**. A sign language interpreter will be on stage and on the jumbo screen throughout the exercises.

May small children attend Commencement?

Yes. Small children who are accustomed to sitting still without disturbing those around them are welcome. Strollers must be stored as directed. No children or guests will be allowed to sit with graduates.

What should candidates do now if they wish to participate in the June 10 or June 11 Commencement? Is attendance compulsory?

Application or registration is not necessary and attendance is not compulsory **but is strongly encouraged**. Candidates need to have a cap and gown which may be purchased from the University Bookstore (first floor, Golden Eagle), attend a student rehearsal, and come to campus on Friday, June 10 for Graduate and Undergraduate Commencement for the Charter College of Education, College of Engineering, Computer Science, and Technology, and the College of Health and Human Services. Saturday, June 11 is the Graduate and Undergraduate Commencement for the College of Arts and Letters, College of Business and Economics, and the College of Natural and Social Sciences.

Will the names of candidates who do not attend Commencement Exercises appear in the program?

Yes. The names of those who received degrees in December 2010 and those who formally applied for a degree to be awarded in March, June, or September 2011 (provided the Graduation Office received the graduation application by the deadline dates noted in the Schedule of Classes) will appear in the program.

Candidates **who prefer not to have their name, degree, and honors** (if any) listed in the Commencement program should contact the Office of the Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, (323) 343-3808, **before April 22**.

All students who attend the Commencement Exercises receive a program at the ceremony. After the Commencement Exercises, individual copies of the program will be available without charge (while quantities last) from the Alumni Center (U-SU 102), beginning June 15, 2011.

Where can I obtain a cap and gown?

GradFair is your first opportunity to purchase your cap and gown. GradFair will take place in the Gymnasium on Wednesday, April 13 and Thursday, April 14, 2011 from 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

The University Bookstore, (323) 343-2500, will sell caps and gowns from April 18-June 11. The store hours are as follows: Monday-Thursday, 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m., Friday, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Commencement day hours are as follows, Friday, June 10, 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., and Saturday, June 11, 6:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

How much does it cost to purchase academic attire?

- Undergraduate's cap, gown and tassel, \$40.98 plus tax
- Master's cap, gown, and tassel, \$42.98 plus tax
- Master's hood, \$36.98 plus tax

Where may we dine on campus?

For the convenience of the candidates and their guests, the following food facilities will be open:

Friday—June 10

Café LA (serving Starbucks).....	7 a.m.-7 p.m.
Carl's Jr.	7 a.m.-7 p.m.
Dolcini's (King Hall/Simpson Tower) ...	7 a.m.-2 p.m.
El Pollo Loco	10 a.m.-7 p.m.
Johny's Kitchen	7 a.m.-3 p.m.
Juice It Up.....	9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Kikka Sushi	10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Rice Garden	10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Sbarro	10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Saturday—June 11

Café LA (serving Starbucks).....	6 a.m.-1 p.m.
Carl's Jr.	6 a.m.-1 p.m.
Dolcini's	6 a.m.-1 p.m.
El Pollo Loco	6 a.m.-1 p.m.
Juice It Up.....	6 a.m.-1 p.m.
Sbarro	6 a.m.-1 p.m.

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2011 Commencement Exercises Information



Friday • June 10, 2011 • 5:00 p.m.

Graduate and Undergraduate Commencement for the Charter College of Education, College of Engineering, Computer Science, and Technology and the College of Health and Human Services

Saturday • June 11, 2011 • 8:00 a.m.

Graduate and Undergraduate Commencement for the College of Arts and Letters, College of Business and Economics, and the College of Natural and Social Sciences

University Athletic Stadium

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Will there be a Commencement rehearsal? If so, when and where?

Yes. There will be two rehearsals for Graduates and three for Undergraduates. Graduating students are expected to attend at least one rehearsal.

Graduate Rehearsals: Tuesday, June 7, 2011 from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.; and Wednesday, June 8, 2011 from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Undergraduate Rehearsals: Tuesday, June 7, 2011 from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.; Wednesday, June 8, 2011 from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.; and Thursday, June 9, 2011 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

All rehearsals will be held on Reeder Field (baseball field).

On Commencement Day, where do students gather?

Signs for the various degree groups will be posted in the assembly area at Reeder Field.

What is the schedule of events for your Commencement Day?

Guests must go directly to the seating area to await the start of the Academic Procession.

Friday, June 10, 2011—Graduate and Undergraduate Ceremony for the Charter College of Education, College of Engineering, Computer Science, and Technology, and the College of Health and Human Services.

- Candidates assemble on Reeder Field, north of the track, to form the Academic Procession by 4:00 p.m.
- Academic Procession begins at 5:00 p.m.
- Exercises conclude at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 11, 2011—Graduate and Undergraduate Ceremony for the College of Arts and Letters, College of Business and Economics, and the College of Natural and Social Sciences.

- Candidates assemble on Reeder Field, north of the track, to form the Academic Procession by 7:00 a.m.
- Academic Procession begins at 8:00 a.m.
- Exercises conclude at approximately 10:30 a.m.

Both programs include an introduction by the President of the University, an address by the Commencement speaker, and conferring of academic honors and degrees.

THE BIG DAY – Graduate and Undergraduate Commencement for the Charter College of Education, College of Engineering, Computer Science, and Technology, and the College of Health and Human Services, Friday, June 10, 2011; and Graduate and Undergraduate Commencement for the College of Arts and Letters, College of Business and Economics, and the College of Natural and Social Sciences, Saturday, June 11, 2011

What happens at the Commencement Exercises?

The formal, degree-conferring ceremony begins promptly at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 10, and on Saturday, June 11 at 8:00 a.m. with the Academic Procession. The exercises conclude with the University Hymn and the recessional. **Students must stay for the entire ceremony.**

What is expected of graduates during Commencement?

- 1) No smoking or alcoholic beverages allowed. Inebriated students will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony.
- 2) Cellular phones, pagers, electronic devices, purses, bags, balloons and/or beach balls will not be allowed in the student seating area.
- 3) Faculty Marshals will provide direction for the following:
 - Lining up
 - Marching into the stadium (Procession)
 - Seating
 - Keeping aisles clear to facilitate easy access to the platforms
 - Leaving the stadium (Recessional)
- 4) Students are expected to stay until the end of the ceremony.

Disruptive or inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated. The above rules of behavior will be enforced at the ceremony. With everyone's cooperation, this occasion will be a proud and happy memory for all our graduates and guests.

What do candidates do as their degrees are conferred?

Doctoral degrees are conferred first. Candidates are escorted to the stage and hooded by the President of the University. Candidates for the master's degrees are presented by the Graduate and College Deans to the President of the University for degree conferral.

Candidates are escorted by sections to the program area where they are hooded by their College faculty.

Candidates for bachelor's degrees are presented by their College Deans to the President of the University for degree conferral. Candidates are escorted by sections to the program area, where they receive their diploma case.

Campus Map, Parking & Commencement Seating Information

BUILDING	LOCATION	BUILDING	LOCATION
Administration	9	Information Kiosk	50
Area Theatre	2A	Intimate Theatre	25B
Annenberg, Wallis Integrated Sciences Complex	27A, 27F	Kennedy Library	7
Applied Gerontology Center	15B	Kennedy Library - John A. Palmer Wing	7
Arnold, Anna Bing Children's Center	38	King Hall	3
Billie Jean King Sports Complex		King Hall - Lecture Hall 1, 23A	
Gymnasium (Eagles Nest)	10	La Kritz Hall	27A
Owens, Jesse Track and Field	18	Los Angeles County High School for the Arts (LACHSA)	7A
Reeder Field (Baseball)	24	Los Angeles County High School for the Arts (LACHSA)	29
Biological Sciences	13	Luskman Gallery	25A
Career Development Center	17	Luskman Theatre	29
Corporate Fund	23	Marc & Eva Stern Math and Science School	26
Food Services	5, 6, 15, 40	Music	2
Emergency Operations Center	45	Music Hall	1A
Engineering and Technology	11	NASA SPACE Lab	11A
Fine Arts	9	Parking/Transportation Service Center	51
Fine Arts Gallery	5A	Physical Sciences	12
Golden Eagle	6	Department of Public Safety	40
Bookstore, Conference Center, Food Court		Salazar Hall	15A
Extended Education, Pat Brown Institute		Simpson Tower	15
Facilities Services-Administrative Office		State Playhouse, Music Hall	1
Facilities Planning and Construction		Student Affairs	5A
Greenlee Plaza	8	Student Health Center	14
Hertzberg-Davis Forensic Science Center	43	University-Student Union (U-SU)	5
Housing Complex	34, 35	U-SU Plaza	5A
Hydrogen Fuel Station	42	Welcome Center	47

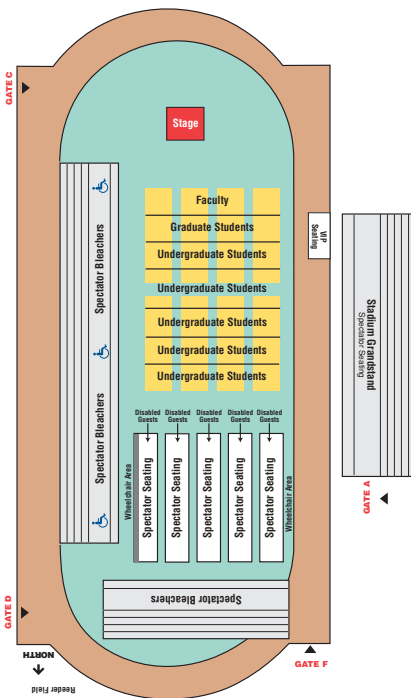
Do candidates receive their diplomas at Commencement?

No. They receive their diploma cases only. Graduates receive their diplomas in the mail 4-6 weeks after their degree has been officially granted by the Graduation Office (whether they participate in Commencement Exercises or not). During the period between final verification for degree eligibility and the mailing of diplomas, a letter of congratulations is sent to every student who meets the requirements for a degree.

Where should I tell my family and friends to meet me after the ceremonies?

It is suggested that you pre-set a campus spot at which to meet friends and relatives after the exercises. You may wish to meet them at your college gathering location. (see map at right.)

Commencement Seating Chart Graduate and Undergraduate Commencement



Where may we park?

Campus parking is free for all Commencement activities. Parking Services will direct visitors to parking areas. Candidates and their guests are urged to enter the campus from the north and east (Valley Boulevard or Hellman Avenue) and to park in Lots 5 or 6. This will help to avoid the crowded traffic conditions on Commencement Day at the southern entrances to campus (from the San Bernardino Freeway and Eastern Avenue). We strongly encourage carpooling or any other alternate mode of transportation. Parking is on a limited, first-come first-served basis. Therefore, we urge all visitors and graduates to arrive early to ensure parking.

Do I need to make special parking arrangements for my guests who have limited mobility or other physical limitations?

Guests with a DMV disabled person parking placard or disabled person plates must display the placard/plates upon entering the campus. Officers will direct them to park in a designated lot in close proximity to the ceremony. If you have a guest with physical limitations that does not own a disabled placard, please stop by the Parking and Transportation Service Center (Parking Lot 3) after the Commencement rehearsals to obtain a special permit to allow your guest(s) to park in a designated lot (up to 2 permits per graduate). If your guest requires a wheelchair, please make such arrangements on your own according to specific needs. **For Saturday's Commencement, persons needing special assistance should plan to arrive no later than 7:00 a.m.**

Is there special seating for people with disabilities?

Guests: A section of the seating area will be reserved for spectators with disabilities. Each designated section is accessible via gates D and A. (see map at left.)

Candidates: Contact the Office for Students with Disabilities, (323) 343-3140 by **May 13**, for assistance with both the procession and seating.

Close proximity to the event may not be possible, therefore, long distances and stairs may be encountered. It is the responsibility of the student to survey the approaches to the event area before Commencement Day, and inform their guests who may have difficulty of what to expect.

What provisions have been made for emergency health care during Commencement?

Contact the nearest usher or police officer for assistance. The Student Health Center will be open and an ambulance service available.

What about cameras? May we take pictures?

Yes. You are welcome to bring cameras to all Commencement activities. However, guests **may** take pictures **only from their seats** and should be mindful of not disturbing those around them in the audience.

Only official photographers will be permitted on the field or in the platform area.

Ultimate Exposures, Inc., the official 2011 CSULA Commencement Ceremonies photographers, will photograph you receiving your diploma. For more information, contact the Alumni Center at (323) 343-2586.

Cameras are available for purchase at the University Bookstore. The University Bookstore (first floor only) will be open Friday, June 10, 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., and Saturday, June 11, 6:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (first floor only), and full store from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

GradFair 2011 is planned especially for you!

Date: *Wednesday, April 13 and Thursday, April 14 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.*

Where: *University Gymnasium*

What: **GradFair** is a one-stop shop for graduating seniors and master's students. Come get your:

- ✓ **GradPack** (full of money-saving coupons for all of your graduation needs, special offers, invitations to networking events and workshops, and membership to the Alumni Association!)
- ✓ Commencement Tickets
- ✓ Cap and Gown
- ✓ Commencement DVD
- ✓ Alumni Gift Pack
- ✓ 2011 CSULA Yearbook
- ✓ Diploma Preservation
- ✓ Record a video Commencement greeting

For more information on GradFair or GradPack, contact the Alumni Association at (323) 343-2586(ALUM) or by e-mail at alum@cslanet.calstatela.edu.

Yearbook Photos

Take your yearbook photos at GradFair with Ultimate Exposures. To make an appointment, visit www.ultimateexposures.com or contact them at 877-ULT-EXPO (858-3976).

For more information about the 2011 CSULA Yearbook, contact the Alumni Association at (323) 343-ALUM (2586) or by e-mail at alum@cslanet.calstatela.edu.

Commencement Video

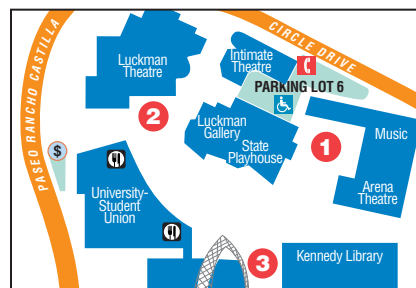
Record a greeting at GradFair for a video that will be played before and after this year's Commencement Ceremonies. The video, to be recorded during GradFair, will feature graduates contributing their names, major and degree information.

For more information about the video recording at GradFair, call the HotLine number at (323) 343-5975.

Where can I get other information when campus offices are closed? Is there a HotLine?

A 24-hour graduation HotLine will be available from April 18–June 11. The number is **(323) 343-GRAD**. Go to www.calstatela.edu/commencement for information.

College gathering location map



- 1 College of Arts and Letters — Saturday
Charter College of Education — Friday
- 2 College of Business and Economics: — Saturday
College of Engineering, Computer Science, and Technology — Friday
- 3 College of Health and Human Services — Friday
College of Natural and Social Sciences — Saturday