

May 8, 2021 Commencement

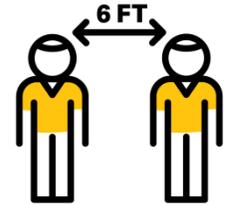
St. Joseph Civic Arena
100 N 4th Street, St. Joseph, MO



IF YOU FEEL SICK,
STAY HOME!



Face coverings are required by all
guests, graduates, volunteers,
staff and faculty.



Keep 6 FT. from others when
possible

Thank you for wearing appropriate face coverings and maintaining social distancing to ensure COVID-19 safety protocols are being met for the safety of your loved ones and other individuals.

11:00 a.m. Ceremony

BGS (Bachelor of General Studies) Degrees
BST (Bachelor of Science in Technology) Degrees
College of Science & Health
All Master's Degree and/or Graduate Certificate

3:00 p.m. Ceremony

College of Business & Professional Studies
College of Liberal Arts

Parking

- The city parking garage located directly on the east side of the arena will be open and have free parking.
- The Commerce Bank parking lot directly to the south of the arena. Please do not block the drive thru lane.
- The hotel parking lot at the corner of Felix & 3rd street.
- There is also on street parking throughout the downtown area.

Access to ceremony

- Graduating students will enter on the south side of the arena (Felix St) thru the glass door to check in. Please follow the signs.
- Guests may enter in either of the 2 main arena entrances at the corner of Felix and 4th street or the corner of Francis and 4th street.

Graduate entrance



Felix & 4th guest entrance



Francis & 4th guest entrance

Graduate check in process

11:00 a.m. Ceremony Timeline

10:00 a.m. - Doors open to **Civic Arena** for guests

Due to COVID-19, students are asked to stagger their arrival for check-in:

9:45 - Students with last names A-K arrive

10:15 - Students with last names L-Z arrive

11:00 a.m. - Ceremony begins

3:00 p.m. Ceremony Timeline

2:00 p.m. - Doors open to **Civic Arena** for guests

Due to COVID-19, students are asked to stagger their arrival for check-in:

1:45 - Students with last names A-K arrive

2:15 - Students with last names L-Z arrive

3:00 p.m. - Ceremony begins

- To check in, look for the table that is alphabetically designated with the first letter of your last name to pick up your reader's card.
- If necessary, take your reader's card to the reader's table, to ensure reader knows how to properly pronounce your name.
- There will be a general information table available to answer any additional questions you may have.
- Proceed to the photographer for your photo with the MWSU backdrop. There are volunteers to help guide your way.
- Make sure you have your reader's card and proceed to a seat on the floor of the arena.
- Cell phones should be silenced when you reach your seat.

What to wear

- Please bring cap, gown, tassel, honor stole (if you received one), Master's hood for the graduate students. Tassels are to be placed on the right side prior to the ceremony. If you forgot your regalia, you may still walk without it.
- There will be no place to leave your personal belongings. Whatever you carry to the check-in tables will have to be carried with you during the ceremony. MWSU is not liable for lost or stolen items.

Process for receiving your degree

- Your row will be released by a marshal (in the yellow gowns) and you will be led to the stage while staying 6 feet apart.
- When you reach the ramp, hand your reader's card to the reader and wait until your name is read.
- Proceed to the President, where you will receive your diploma cover, pause for the photographer, and cross the stage.
- After all candidates have returned to their seats and after closing remarks, the Alumni Association representative will direct the moving of the tassels. At this point, graduates move their tassel from the right to the left side.
- All graduates will be released by rows following the ceremony. Guests will also be released by rows.

Live Stream of the Ceremony

Missouri Western will provide a live webcast of the commencement ceremony for guests who are unable to attend. The link is posted on the commencement webpage: <https://www.missouriwestern.edu/commencement/>

The [Commencement program](#) is also available on the webpage.

Photos

Graduates will have three photos taken by professional photographers from Grad Images; one before the ceremony in front of the Missouri Western backdrop, second as you cross the stage, and third as you exit the stage. Proofs will be emailed directly to you by Grad Images, and you may order photos at your convenience.

Video

We are making available a free, personalized video clip of your magic moment on stage which you can share with your friends, family and loved ones. Your clip will be ready to view a few hours after the ceremony. You will receive an email to your university account from StageClip Graduations with an individualized link to a video clip of you receiving your diploma. MWSUGraduationInfo@missouriwestern.edu

This is your moment! You've worked hard over many years to reach this achievement. Make sure you get the most from the occasion.

- Keep your head up and smile!
- Take your time as you walk across the platform.
- Have fun and enjoy the moment!

If you need assistance or have questions at anytime during the check-in or ceremony, there will be many MWSU staff and faculty on hand to guide you.