Wednesday, May 15, 2024
Prudential Center
9:00am

THE ROAD TO RUTGERS UNIVERSITY - NEWARK COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY 2024
Topics to Discuss

- Difference between commencement and graduation
- Graduation Dates/Diploma Distribution
- Check List PRIOR to Graduation
- Diploma & Official Transcript
- Participation in Commencement
- Regalia
- The Prudential Center: Directions/Parking/Admission
- Name Cards & Announcements
- Commencement Day Instructions
- Dress and Decorum
- What to expect during the ceremony
## Commencement vs. Graduation

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<td>Graduation marks the end of your progress towards a bachelor's degree. It is the receiving or conferring of your academic degree.</td>
<td>Commencement is the ceremony to acknowledge and celebrate you receiving your academic degree.</td>
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You are required to apply for graduation, even if you do not intend to participate in Commencement.
Diploma Distribution

Diplomas will NOT be distributed on the day of Commencement

Diplomas are ordered by the University Registrar’s Office and will be mailed based upon your graduation date.

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If you graduate August 2023, January 2024, May 2024, you are automatically invited to participate in Commencement in May 2024. Note: If you wish to participate in Commencement in May, but do not graduate until the August that follows, you must fill out a form located on the School of Criminal Justice Website. You are considered an AUGUST 2024 graduate as you are not done with your requirements. Your name will not be printed in the program.
"Participation" in the Commencement Ceremony

Students must complete the following requirements by the end of the Spring 2024 semester to participate in the May 2024 Commencement Ceremony:

- Complete a minimum of 120 credits;
- Earn a cumulative 2.0 GPA or higher;
- Complete all general education or core curriculum, writing intensive, and major/minor requirements;
- Pre-certified by your advisor(s). This includes ALL majors/minors.

To Do List:
To do prior to graduating:

1. Finalize all temporary or incomplete grades – Submit your work directly to the professor. They must submit a change of grade.

2. Rectify financial holds – Submit payment and notify the Newark Business Office.

3. Complete a financial aid Exit Counseling session – OFA will notify you with information if this is needed.

4. Resolve disciplinary charges – Work directly with Conduct & Community Standards office, if applicable.
Diploma & Official Transcripts

Diploma:  
*What's included on your diploma?*

- School of Criminal Justice
- Your Name
- Bachelor of Science (CJ Majors)
- Bachelor of Arts (JS Majors)

Official Transcript:  
*What's included on your official transcript?*

- School of Criminal Justice
- Your Name
- Your Degree
- Your Cumulative GPA
- Course information with letter grade and GPA by term
- Major and second concentration

***Accelerated MA is not added until you become a matriculating MA student***
Commencement Regalia

- The commencement regalia website has gone live! Which means you are now able to purchase your cap and gown.
- [https://rutgersnewark.shopoakhalli.com/](https://rutgersnewark.shopoakhalli.com/)
- March 28: ship to the Rutgers bookstore
- April 13: ship to home
Commencement Regalia Continued...

Be sure to check your hood at pick up:

- Bachelor's of Science (BS): gold stripe
- Bachelor's of Arts (BA): white stripe
- Bachelor's of Fine Art (BFA): brown stripe

All questions regarding regalia should be addressed to:

Brielle Amos, Barnes & Noble Store Manager
bamos@bncollege.com
OR
visit www.newark-rutgers.bncollege.com
Rings and Senior Portraits

Students can go to the website https://www.balfour.com/newark-rutgers to look at the rings and purchase them if they would like. If they have any questions that can call our Customer Service Department at (800-225-3687) or email CollegeRings@Balfour.com

An email with login information was sent by Lors Studio; please check your spam folder in case it’s not in your inbox. You can also try contacting Lors Studio (908-964-0847 or via email customerservice@lorsstudio.com) to retrieve the login information and schedule an appointment. Let me know if you have any issues reaching Lors (INFO WILL BE ON EMAIL GOING OUT TO STUDENTS)
Directions/Parking @ Prudential Center

DIRECTIONS:

- Located in downtown Newark, 2 blocks from Newark Penn Station.
- The arena is accessible via New Jersey Transit, PATH, and Amtrak.
- Bounded by Edison Place to the north, Lafayette Street to the south, Mulberry Street to east and Broad Street and City Hall to the west.

PARKING

- Parking at Rutgers University- Newark will be FREE for all graduates and their guests.
- https://www.newark.rutgers.edu/commencement
- Parking at/near the Prudential Center is NOT free. Graduates/guests will be responsible for their own parking fees off campus.
- There will be signage, personnel, and security providing assistance.

For more information on parking near Prudential Center, please visit: http://www.prucenter.com/getting-here#/parking
Prudential Center Admission

Guests **DO NOT** need tickets in order to gain admission.

Students are **NOT** limited to the number of guests that can be invited.

All graduates will be given name cards prior to graduation. This will serve as your ticket into the arena. The School of Criminal Justice will begin distributing name cards during Salute Week.
Name Cards & Announcements

Graduates MUST have a NAME CARD for ADMISSION to the Prudential Center on Wed., May 15th. Graduates will be notified via their Scarlet E-Mail when you can pick-up Name Cards and Announcements.
Special Notes for Guests

- Students and guests can park in Rutgers University-Newark parking facilities for **FREE**
- Parking at the Pru is available for a fee determined by the parking vendors
- It is recommended that students/guests with disabilities & the elderly be dropped off in front of The Pru.
- Guests seating is General Admission "first come-first serve"
- Doors will open for guests between 8:15AM and 8:30AM
Wednesday, May 15th, 2024

**Check-In Time: 8AM Sharp**

The Ceremony will begin promptly at 9AM
ALL Graduates MUST remain for the duration of the ceremony!
Dress & Decorum

- Clothing should be in good taste and comfortable.
- Comfortable shoes should be worn.
- Caps should be worn flat on the head (bring bobby pins to secure the cap)
- Honor Cords and pins may be worn on the outside of the robe (Contact your Honor Society for information on cords or pins)

- Leave your purse, cameras, and personal items with a family member or friend. Remember to turn your cell phone OFF!
- All guests are asked to remain in their seats during the ceremony and should respect the rights of others to view the ceremony in its entirety.
- Alcoholic beverages are PROHIBITED!

- DO NOT drink prior to the ceremony. University Police will confiscate alcoholic beverages and will remove inebriated persons from the processional and/or ceremony.
Name Card and Check in Information

- Graduates must arrive wearing regalia.
- Graduates must present the Name Card for admittance to the Prudential Center. (The Name Card will serve as your ticket)
- All graduates will follow the signs to the Area floor.
- Keep your Name Card with you at ALL TIMES

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Ceremony Instructions

Graduate Seating will be by school only

You can be seated with friends from the same school

Graduates remain standing until the Chancellor instructs everyone to be seated

The Provost, Chancellor, Deans, Keynote Speaker, and undergraduate Speaker will address graduates

Graduates will RISE and the dean will confer the degrees

Marshals will usher graduates row by row to the stage

Proceed on the stage with Name Card, name will be announced and honor status (if applicable)

Individual photos will be taken by professional photographers on stage and as you receive a diploma jacket

After all graduates have returned to their seats, the Chancellor will end the Commencement Ceremony

ALL GRADUATES MUST STAY FOR THE DURATION OF THE CEREMONY!
Ceremony Instructions Cont...

Names of Graduates will be Announced by School in the following order:

- Graduate School - Newark
- School of Public Affairs & Administration
- School of Criminal Justice
- Rutgers Business School (undergraduates)
- University College - Newark
- Newark College of Arts and Sciences

All graduates must stay for the duration of the ceremony!
Rutgers University Administration

JONATHAN HOLLOWAY
Rutgers University President

NANCY CANTOR
Chancellor, RU-N

JEFFREY ROBINSON
Provost, RU-N
Rutgers University - Newark, Deans

JACQUELINE MATTIS
Dean of Faculty - Arts and Sciences

BILL MCCARTHY
Dean - School of Criminal Justice

LEI LEI
Dean - Rutgers Business School, Newark & New Brunswick

KAIFENG YANG
Dean - School of Public Affairs and Administration
Congratulations from the School of Criminal Justice!

Any Questions?
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