CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES! Your Commencement is a special and memorable day. This document contains important information for you and your guests. Please visit commencement.sfsu.edu for complete information.

TIMELINE

3 p.m. Doors open to graduates and guests
  • Graduates enter at the Marina Gate Entrance and will be staged in the AT&T Park Garden. Graduates do not need a ticket to enter but must be wearing full SF State regalia.
  • Guests may enter at the Willie Mays Plaza Entrance, Lefty O’Doul Entrance or Second Street Entrance.
  • Concessions are open throughout AT&T Park including the graduate staging area.

5 p.m. Graduates must be assembled in the staging area (accessible by the Marina Gate Entrance).

5:30 p.m. Graduate Procession begins

6:30 p.m. Ceremony begins (estimated time)

9:45 p.m. Fireworks – Ceremony concludes (estimated time)

GRADUATES

• Graduates must come dressed in full regalia to participate in the Procession and must enter from the Marina Gate Entrance.
• All graduates will walk through a metal detector as they enter – for speed we suggest you have your gown open. If the device detects something on a graduate, the graduate will be checked with a handheld wand, and there will be further security follow up, if needed. Bags will be checked.
• Please refer to VENUE RULES. All are applicable to graduates.
• Faculty Marshals will direct graduates on how to enter the stadium during the procession and how to proceed to the diploma platform. Deans for the Colleges of Education, Health & Social Science and Liberal & Creative Arts will hand out diplomas at platforms along the first base line. Deans for the Colleges of Business, Ethnic Studies and Science & Engineering will hand out diplomas at platforms along the third base line. Graduates may choose which side to enter from but may be asked to move in order to keep the procession sides even.
• Graduates must carry their belongings during the diploma procession and will not be returning to the same seat after receiving their diploma. Travel light and only bring what you are willing to carry across the diploma platform.
• Be respectful of fellow graduates and stay for the entire ceremony. You will be rewarded with a special fireworks show!
VENUE RULES

The following ballpark rules will be enforced:

- No alcohol (this includes non-alcoholic beer and wine) or illegal drugs may be brought into AT&T Park. Anyone found drinking under the legal age, using illegal drugs, or breaking any other laws, will be subject to immediate ejection and criminal prosecution. Any guest perceived to be in an intoxicated or impaired state may be denied admission to the park. Alcohol will not be available for purchase at this event.
- AT&T Park is a Smoke-Free ballpark. Electronic smoking and smoking by vaporization are included in this "Smoke-Free" designation and are prohibited. Guests who fail to comply with AT&T Park's No-Smoking policy may be asked to exit the ballpark.
- Guests or graduates entering the playing field, or who throw (or attempt to throw) objects in the stands or onto the field, are subject to ejection and criminal prosecution. You will also be held liable for any fines and/or damage.
- Guests should keep their tickets with them at all times.
- Sealed plastic bottles and soft-sided juice containers containing non-alcoholic beverages are allowed. All unsealed containers will be subject to inspection and may be confiscated. Glass and metal cans are not permitted. Alcoholic beverages cannot be brought into the ballpark regardless of container.
- Items intended for sale or trade may not be brought onto AT&T Park property, including the main parking lot, without a permit or license.
- Air horns, beach balls and signs that obstruct the view of others are prohibited in the ballpark. These items may be confiscated.
- Large bags or containers measuring OVER 16” x 16” x 8” are NOT allowed into the ballpark. All permitted bags, including purses, briefcases and diaper bags (smaller than 16” x 16” x 8”) will be searched before entering the park.
- All guests will walk through a metal detector as they enter. If the device detects something on a guest, the guest will be checked with a handheld wand, and there will be further security follow up, if needed. Bags will be checked.

GUEST TICKETS

Each graduate participating in Commencement receives up to six (6) guest tickets. You need one ticket for every person entering AT&T Park except for graduates in regalia. Children younger than 2 years old do not need a ticket for entry. Please note that replacement tickets will not be issued if your allotment is lost or destroyed. SF State prohibits the direct or indirect sale or auction of Commencement tickets.

If you need extra tickets, you may obtain up to two (2) extra as follows:

- On Monday, May 18, an email will be sent by noon to graduating students asking if they would like extra tickets.
  - You will be able to sign up for two (2) extra tickets by clicking through that email. Or you may visit the Commencement website at commencement.sfsu.edu after noon on Monday, May 18.
  - You will be asked for your name, student ID number, email address and the name of the person picking up the tickets. **All extra tickets will be available at the Will Call windows at AT&T Park under the name you list.**
  - The Commencement office will determine how many extra tickets are available and will email students from the wait list on a first come/first served basis beginning Wednesday, May 20. **Tickets will be available for pick up at the Will Call windows of AT&T Park under the name listed as the pick-up person.** The Will Call windows at AT&T Park will open at 3 p.m.
- All students receiving extra tickets will receive a confirmation email by noon on Thursday, May 21. If you do not receive an email from the Commencement Office by that time, it means all of the tickets have been distributed and we will not be able to accommodate your request for extra tickets.

TRANSPORTATION

The San Mateo Bridge will be CLOSED for scheduled maintenance on May 22.

Please visit: commencement.sfsu.edu/content/transportation for a full listing of public transportation and parking options.

ACCESSIBILITY

SF State is committed to providing every guest, including those with vision, hearing, mobility or other disabilities, with a comfortable and enjoyable experience at AT&T Park. AT&T Park is an accessible event space. Guests and graduates with disabilities who use wheelchairs, walkers or other mobility devices, or those who cannot climb stadium stairs, need access to a mobility orientation, ASL interpreters, Real-Time Captioning or Assistive Listening Devices (ALDs), may request accommodations. Please visit: commencement.sfsu.edu/content/disability-access for full details.