

# VCSU Commencement Frequently Asked Questions



VCSU Graduates, the list below contains the most frequently asked graduation questions.

## ***WHEN IS REHEARSAL?***

There is no formal rehearsal. Instructions will be emailed out the week of Commencement along with seating information.

## ***HOW DO WE GET INFORMATION ABOUT THE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY AND EVENTS? DO I HAVE TO INFORM ANYONE THAT I PLAN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY?***

Information for undergraduate candidates will be emailed out eight weeks prior to commencement to those that have applied for graduation. At that time we ask that you confirm your participation.

Graduates are responsible for informing their family and friends. Formal announcements can be purchased through the University Bookstore.

## ***ARE GUEST TICKETS REQUIRED FOR THE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY?***

Tickets/guest passes are not required for attendance at the ceremony.

## ***HOW LONG DOES THE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY LAST?***

The program should last about an hour and a half. All graduates and guests are expected to remain seated for the entire program. There is no reception following the ceremony.

## ***HOW DO I GET A CAP AND GOWN FOR THE CEREMONY?***

The email is sent out eight weeks prior to commencement and will provide information regarding cost details. Caps and gowns will be available for purchase at the University Bookstore.

***GRADUATING WITH HONORS? (UNDERGRADUATE ONLY)***

If a graduate meets the requirements, those honors will be indicated in the printed commencement program and read along with the graduate's name during the ceremony. Those graduating with honors will be emailed and instructed how they can pick up or receive their honor cord (there is no charge for the honor cord).

Students with a cumulative GPA of 3.50 – 3.74 will graduate Cum Laude; 3.89 – 3.75 will graduate Magna Cum Laude; and students earning 3.90 – 4.00 will graduate Summa Cum Laude.

Honors designation is determined by your current cumulative GPA. Once all grades are in for the current semester, your final GPA will determine your official honors. Your final honors will be noted on your diploma and your academic record (transcript).

***ARE DIPLOMAS PRESENTED AT THE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY?***

You will not receive an actual diploma at the commencement ceremony. You will receive a holder for you to place your diploma in after you receive it by mail. Your diploma will be mailed to you after grades are finalized and your graduation is confirmed by the Registrar's Office. Diplomas are emailed and mailed approximately 8 weeks after graduation.

***WHAT PARKING IS AVAILABLE?***

Parking will be open in all university lots on commencement day. Lots will not be ticketed the day of the ceremony. Street parking will be available as posted.

***WILL THERE BE A NEWS RELEASE TO MY HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER?***

The Marketing & Communications office will send a news release announcing your graduation to your hometown newspaper.