

## COMMENCEMENT Q & A's

Q) What time are the graduates supposed to arrive?

A) **PLEASE REPORT TO THE COMMENCEMENT LOCATION AT LEAST 45 MINUTES PRIOR TO YOUR CEREMONY.**

Q) What time do the doors open?

A) **DOORS WILL OPEN 1 HOUR PRIOR TO THE START OF THE CEREMONY.**

Q) Where should visitors park their cars?

A) **ANY DESIGNATED AVAILABLE PARKING AREA; PLEASE SEE DIRECTIONAL SIGNAGE AND REFER TO THE CAMPUS MAP.**

Q) When/how will I receive tickets?

A) **After the application filing deadline has passed, the number of tickets allotted each student are calculated and the information posted to the graduation website. You will be given the opportunity to pick up graduation tickets after they become available (photo identification required) OR they will be sent via certified mail to your MAILING address approximately 4 weeks prior to the ceremony. PLEASE VERIFY YOUR MAILING ADDRESS IN MYLEO AND UPDATE IF NECESSARY and monitor the graduation website for ticket distribution time and dates.**

Q) Will there be extra tickets available?

A) **NO. WE CAREFULLY CALCULATE TICKETS BASED ON THE SEATING CAPACITY OF THE VENUE DIVIDED BY THE NUMBER OF GRADUATES ATTENDING. PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR FELLOW GRADUATES FOR EXTRA TICKETS.**

Q) I was allotted more tickets than I actually need. What do I do with my extra tickets? **IF YOU HAVE EXTRA TICKETS THAT YOU WON'T BE USING, PLEASE GIVE THEM TO YOUR FELLOW GRADUATES OR RETURN THEM TO THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR.**

Q) I want to take an individual graduation picture, when and where can I do that?

A) **DURING THE CEREMONY, YOU WILL HAVE YOUR PICTURE TAKEN TWO TIMES BY A PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER. AFTER THE CEREMONY, YOU ARE WELCOME TO TAKE PICTURES AT YOUR LEISURE.**

Q) Are there any arrangements for children, babysitting for example, since it will be on a Saturday and daycares will be closed?

A) **NO, WE DO NOT PROVIDE CHILDCARE SERVICE.**

Q) If there are no arrangements for children, what are the guidelines for allowing children into the ceremony?

A) **ANYONE OVER THE AGE OF THREE MUST HAVE A TICKET.**

Q) I have been informed that there will be overflow rooms available to watch the ceremony on closed circuit television. Are tickets required for the overflow rooms?

A) **ANYONE CAN WATCH THE CEREMONY FROM A VIEWING ROOM. SEATING IS FIRST COME FIRST SERVE - NO TICKETS ARE REQUIRED.**

Q) Is there a specific dress code?

A) **WE SUGGEST WHAT YOU DRESS APPROPRIATELY - SEE <http://www.tamu-commerce.edu/registrar/pdfs/ceremonyandregalia.pdf>**

Q) Will I receive my diploma at the ceremony?

A) **NO, DIPLOMAS ARE SENT VIA CERTIFIED MAIL TO YOUR PERMANENT ADDRESS APPROXIMATELY 6-8 WORKING WEEKS AFTER COMMENCEMENT. PLEASE VERIFY YOUR PERMANENT ADDRESS IN MYLEO AND UPDATE IF NECESSARY.**