Southern Miss Commencement

Saturday, May 12, 2018 | 10 a.m.
Mississippi Coast Coliseum
Biloxi, MS

Virtual Rehearsal
Welcome

Parking: Lot 1, South Parking Lot

Arrival: 8:30 a.m.

Check In: South Doors
Cap and Gown Pick-up
Seating Cards
Check-In Materials

• Materials needed
  – Cap and Gown

• Materials Not needed
  – Purses
  – Other personal items

• Name cards will be distributed at check-in
Mississippi Coast Coliseum

Check-In Location
Behind the Commencement Stage
Line Up and Seating

• Students will be directed from check-in to the line-up area and will be seated in the exact way you will be seated on the Coliseum floor.
• Proceed to the line-up area and find your row number and seat number indicated on your seating card.
• Graduate students are seated by degree, alphabetically.
• Undergraduate students are seated by academic college.
Processional

• Immediately prior to the ceremony, staff will line up students in two lines to participate in a processional.
• University staff will escort students from the line-up area to the Coliseum arena floor.
• Students will
  – Process in pairs to the Coliseum arena floor
  – Process up the center aisle of the student seating area
  – Process to the left and the right to the appropriate row and seat
  – Sit immediately to ensure seating for all students
Processional

Coast Coliseum Arena
Awarding of Degrees

- Exit the row to the right with the NAME CARD visible.
- Enter the ramp to the right (when facing the stage)
- Provide name card to ceremonial reader.
- Proceed across the stage to receive diploma
- A photograph will be taken with the University President, Dr. Rodney Bennett.
- Proceed to the exit ramp
- Return to the same row and seat.
Recessional

- President Bennett and the Platform Party exit stage right and recess down the center aisle of the Coliseum Arena floor.
- University staff will direct students through a recessional. Students should remain in their seats until directed to recess.
General Information

• Seating Card
  • Provided Saturday morning. *Please remember* to bring it to the commencement stage.

• Undergraduate Students
  • Tassel hangs on right. Dr. Bennett will direct candidates to move tassel.

• Graduate Students
  • Tassel hangs on left.
General Information

- Students will be contacted by LifeTouch, our professional photographer, to purchase commencement photographs.
- Floor marshals are available to assist students.
- A photo gallery will be available on the web following the ceremony.
General Information

Other reminders –
• Clear all balances with the Business Office
• Perkins Loan Exit Counseling, if applicable
• Review SOAR for other holds that may apply
I am called the Friendship Oak.
Those who enter my shadow will remain friends throughout their lifetime.
Congratulations!
Class of 2018