

College of Social Work Graduation Information 2023

Please note:

- All commencement and convocation details are subject to change—keep up with changes through messages from academic advisors and on the [College's convocation website](#).

University Commencement

- The General University Commencement will be on **Thursday, May 4th, 2023 at 6:00 PM** at the Jon M. Huntsman Center (1825 S Campus Dr, Salt Lake City, UT 84112).
- Please visit the University of Utah's [Commencement website](#) for updates.

College of Social Work Convocation

- **Friday, May 5th, 2023 at 9:00 AM** at Kingsbury Hall (1395 E Presidents Circle, Salt Lake City, UT 84112).
- **In Preparation:**
 - **RSVP & Tickets:** All guests, including babes in arms, are required to present a physical ticket to enter Kingsbury Hall for the convocation ceremony. Graduates must complete the [Convocation RSVP & Ticket Form](#) by **Sunday, April 2, 2023 (11:59 PM)** to secure tickets for their guests. Please note:
 - Graduates will not be required to have a physical ticket.
 - Guests must present a physical ticket to enter the theater.
 - There will be a limited number of tickets available for guests—likely 2-4 guest tickets per graduate depending on graduate RSVP numbers and other factors. Graduates may request additional tickets through the RSVP & Ticket Form. Tickets will be disbursed based on availability.
 - Overflow seating with a livestream of the convocation will be available in Libby Gardner Hall, which is adjacent to Kingsbury Hall. If you do not have tickets for all of your guests to enter Kingsbury Hall, they may watch from next door and meet up with you following the event.
 - Graduates will collect their physical tickets at the College of Social Work during specific ticket distribution times that will be announced in early April. **Only the graduate may collect their tickets and must have a photo ID present at the time of pickup.**
 - Graduates unable to collect their tickets in person due to extenuating circumstances or their location (e.g. St. George Cohort, Distance Ed., Online Program), may contact the Graduation Coordinator by April 14th to arrange mail delivery of their tickets.
 - Graduates may request special accommodations for themselves or their guests, including wheelchair seating, ASL interpreters, limited mobility with walkers, canes, etc., or anything that may require special arrangements. The RSVP & Ticket Form will include an option to request accommodations, or requests can be sent to the Graduation Coordinator (swgraduation@lists.utah.edu). Please confirm the accommodations with the Graduation Coordinators at the time of ticket pick up.
 - **Regalia:** CSW graduates are encouraged to pre-order regalia through the [Campus Store's website](#), which will open on March 1st, and pick up their order during the Graduation Fair that will be held March 30th- April 1st. CSW graduates can purchase a black gown and a black cap with a light yellow/maize tassel, MSW hoods (light yellow/maize trim), and PhD hoods, and special caps and gowns may be available if desired. More information can be found on the [Campus Store's website](#). Questions about purchasing regalia may be directed to Abby Hirshberg (ahirshberg@campusstore.utah.edu, 801-581-4733). There may be regalia rentals available for a few CSW students; contact the Graduation Coordinators for more information about renting regalia.
 - **Day Of:**
 - **Bring:** You must bring your completed reader card, which will be distributed to you with your tickets. The reader card will ensure that your name is read properly as you walk, and help the photographers match photos to graduates. Please be sure your guests bring their physical tickets.
 - **Wear:** Arrive in your cap and gown, with the tassel to the right. Do not wear green under your gown as a green screen is used for graduation photos.

- **Arrive:** Please plan to arrive at the Park Building by 8:15 AM. Once all graduates have arrived, a large group photo will be taken on the steps of the Park Building, and then students will be guided into lines by order of program.
- **Ceremony:** The processional from the Park Building to Kingsbury Hall will begin promptly at 8:55 AM. Faculty and staff members will be present to help coordinate the processional. All graduates will remain standing during the processional and may sit when the Dean instructs you to do so. During the ceremony, you will be directed to the stage where the reader is seated. Give your reader card to the reader. After your name is read, you will walk across the stage, receive your diploma, proceed backstage for a green screen photo, and return to your seat. Please be sure to follow directions from event volunteers. PhD students will sit and be hooded on stage. **Do not leave valuables at your seat as you will not return to the same seat after you receive your diploma.** After the ceremony, the Dean will ask graduates to rise and exit the hall in the same order as they entered. Guests may meet you outside the building after the program.
- **Parking:**
 - Free parking will be available for graduates and guests all around campus, and particularly in the Rice Eccles Stadium parking lot, with shuttle services to Kingsbury Hall. Due to convocations and other events taking place at the University, there may be traffic and detours on campus. Please refer to the [Commencement Parking website](#) for updates and ensure that you and your guests plan accordingly.
- **Photos:**
 - Island Photography will photograph the official awarding of diplomas, as well as a single picture of each graduate. You will receive a free color proof with the option of more copies for purchase. Again, do not wear green under your gown as a green screen is used for the photos.
- **Web Live Stream:**
 - Visit the [CSW Graduation website](#) for the URL to watch the live CSW Convocation.

Questions?

For questions about the ceremony, please contact the CSW Graduation Coordinators at swgraduation@lists.utah.edu

For questions about program-specific graduation requirements and procedures, please contact CSW staff:

BSW: bsw@utah.edu

MSW: msw@utah.edu

PhD: Mirela Rankovic, 801-585-5979, mirela.rankovic@utah.edu

Many details of this event are subject to change.

Any updates will be shared by academic advisors and on the College's website.

Please watch for messages regarding important deadlines, updates, and details.

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