Photographs & DVD
University of Houston - Downtown has contracted a professional photographer to take photographs as you are coming off the stage. Flash Photography’s (professional photographer) website is www.flashphotography.com. Additional information regarding photography will be discussed at commencement orientation. Family and guests are allowed to take photographs from their seats; however, no one is permitted to block the aisles or enter the ballpark field to take photographs.

Commencement Attire
The official commencement attire is business casual. Men are encouraged to wear slacks, collared shirts, ties, and dress shoes. Women are encouraged to dress professional dress or slacks and appropriate closed-toe shoes. Decorated, bedazzled, and/or "costumed" caps are permitted. Decoration guidelines will be discussed during orientation. Caps and gowns cannot be worn at security check-in and will need to be carried in. You may put on your regalia once inside the ballpark.

Diplomas
All graduates will receive a commemorative diploma tube during the Commencement Ceremony. Graduates will receive their diploma through mail to the address specified on their student record after successful completion of degree requirements are certified. Degree certification typically takes between 6-8 weeks to complete. Diplomas and/or certificates will be available for pickup February 6 – 17 at the Registrar’s Office. Any diplomas not picked up by February 17 will be mailed out on February 20, 2023, to the address on your student record.

Special Assistance
Students planning to attend Commencement who need accommodations should contact the Office of Disability Services at disabilityservices@uhd.edu. Please use the subject line, "Accommodations for Commencement". You may also call 713-221-5078 to receive more information. Accommodations for Guests: All Commencement guests who need accommodations should contact a Minute Maid Park representative on the day of the event. Accommodations through MINUTE MAID are available on a first come, first served basis.

Parking & Facility Policies
Students and guests will park in lots A, B, or C. Outside food and drinks are prohibited inside Minute Maid. Flowers, balloons, gifts, and foghorns will not be permitted inside of Minute Maid. Flowers can be purchased once inside Minute Maid. Each guest will be allowed to have one bag, no larger than 11X17 in size and will be subject to a security check. Strollers will be allowed inside of Minute Maid but will be required to stay on the concourse once inside.

Student & Parent Entrance
Parents and guests will enter the stadium through the Home Plate entrance and tickets will be required for each guest. Information on how to obtain guest tickets will be discussed today at orientation. Students will enter through the Atrium entrance next to Union Station. Student walk cards will be made available at check-in. It will be your responsibility to keep up with your card. No edits, additions or any handwriting of any kind should be made to your walk card. Graduation candidates are expected to arrive no later than 8am for the 9am ceremony and 2pm for the 3pm ceremony to allow for check-in and seating prior to the start of each ceremony. Your seat assignment will be noted on the ticket stapled to your walk card.

GRADUATION CANDIDATE INFORMATION PACKET

Orientation
Monday, November 14 at 7 PM
713 Music Hall in Downtown Houston
Welcome to Commencement Orientation! We are excited to share in this time with you. During this in-person session, you will learn ceremony details, graduate expectations, and give you a chance to get your questions answered. Friends and family are welcome. This event is mandatory for all graduating students.

Grad Fair
Thursday, November 17 at 2-4pm
ACAD A300 Academic Building
Decorate your cap and gown, participate in mock interviews, get assistance with preparing your resume, and record a Thank You video. This event is reserved exclusively for graduates.

Commencement Ceremony
Saturday, December 10 at 9 AM and 3 PM
Minute Maid Park
The University of Houston-Downtown is pleased to announce that we will host our 73rd Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, December 10th at Minute Maid Park (please see map on pg.3). There will be two ceremonies split by academic college, please find your college below to see your ceremony time. We look forward to celebrating your accomplishments!

First Ceremony 9 AM
Colleges Represented:
- College of Humanities and Social Sciences
- College of Public Service

Second Ceremony 3 PM
Colleges Represented:
- Marilyn Davies College of Business
- College of Sciences and Technology

The Fall Commencement Ceremony is reserved for our Summer and Fall 2022 graduates.
Dear UHD Graduates & Graduation Candidates, sincerest congratulations! If you have filed your graduation application or already graduated, we hope to celebrate this wonderful milestone with you at the University of Houston-Downtown’s 73rd Commencement Ceremony.

Commencement is scheduled for Saturday, December 10 at 9 AM and 3 PM. I look forward to the honor of personally congratulating you and shaking your hand as you walk across the stage in front of your family and peers. You will be receiving more detailed information about Commencement at today’s Graduation Orientation.

Again, congratulations on your wonderful accomplishments. The University of Houston-Downtown is honored to recognize your successes.

Warmest regards,
Dr. Loren J. Blanchard, Ph.D.
President, University of Houston Downtown

Commencement Ceremony (Seating & Duration)
There are assigned seats for graduates during the ceremony. You will be alphabetically assembled and by college on the arena floor. Your seating number will be on the ticket, stapled to your walk card. Commencement usually lasts about two hours.

Commencement Regalia (Cap, Gown, & Cords)
Graduates participating in the commencement ceremony must wear a cap and gown and something underneath. You may purchase the commencement attire (cap/gown) at the UHD Bookstore. The bookstore is located on campus in the One Main building on the third floor. The phone number for the University of Houston – Downtown Bookstore is 713.221.8025.

Latin Honor cords may be picked up at the commencement orientation, grad fair, and from your college department office. Cords will also be available on the day of commencement.

Diploma and Walk Card Names
Diploma names will reflect as your primary name unless you update your preferred “diploma name” under the name section of your student center.

Walk Card names will reflect as your primary name only. You can check how your name will reflect for commencement walk cards during commencement orientation and at the Grad Fair.

Please review your personal information such as your primary name, diploma name and address in your myUHD Student Center.