

FALL 2024 COMMENCEMENT & GRADUATION INFORMATION

Florida Atlantic University, Office of the Registrar

CEREMONY

If you intend to participate in the ceremony, you must reply to this Commencement Reservation Confirmation email by **Sunday, October 27th.**

WHEN: The ceremonies will be held on Thursday, December 12th and Friday, December 13th.

WHERE: Carole and Barry Kaye Performing Arts Auditorium, located in the Student Union on the Boca Raton Campus.

Degree candidates should report to Live Oak Pavilion **1 hour** before the beginning of the ceremony. *For example, if your ceremony begins at 1:00 pm, please arrive at Live Oak Pavilion by 12:00 pm.*

RSVP via email by **Sunday, October 27th.**

DATE & TIME	WHO
Thurs., Dec. 12 th at 9:00 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">College of Business (Bachelor's degrees only)
Thurs., Dec. 12 th at 1:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">College of Business (Masters & Doctoral degrees only)Harriet L. Wilkes Honors CollegeCollege of Education
Thurs., Dec. 12 th at 5:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Charles E. Schmidt College of ScienceCharles E. Schmidt College of Medicine (Masters in Biomedical Science only)
Fri., Dec. 13 th at 9:00 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">College of Engineering & Computer Science (Masters & Doctoral degrees only)Christine E. Lynn College of NursingCollege of Social Work and Criminal Justice
Fri., Dec. 13 th at 1:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts & LettersCollege of Engineering & Computer Science (Bachelor's degrees only)Undergraduate Studies (Bachelor in Professional Studies only)
* Ceremonies will be webcast live at https://www.fau.edu/webcast/	

*** The procession of graduates will begin 20 minutes prior to the ceremony start time.** During this time, security lines will be temporarily halted, and guests will not be able to enter the Student Union until all graduates and members of the platform party have been seated. We strongly encourage guests to take this into consideration when planning their arrival time.

CAPS AND GOWNS

All graduates must wear full academic regalia to participate in the commencement ceremony. Graduates are required to wear FAU's customized regalia available exclusively through the Florida Atlantic University Campus Store. Graduates will not be allowed to participate in the ceremonies without Florida Atlantic's customized regalia.

Bachelor and Master: The website to purchase your cap and gown online is now available. See below for pricing options. The deadline to submit an online order is November 7th. Graduates must order their caps and gowns before the deadline to avoid paying additional late fees. Contact the Florida Atlantic Campus Store at (561) 297-3720 for more details.

Doctoral: The website to rent or purchase your doctoral regalia online is now available. See below for pricing options. The deadline to place an online order with standard shipping fees is November 7th. Any

orders received between November 8th – November 18th will incur additional shipping fees. Any rental orders received two weeks prior to graduation will incur a \$25.00 late fee. Contact the Florida Atlantic Campus Store at (561) 297-3720 for more details.

Degree Level	Price	Details	Online (Ship to Home)
Bachelor	\$78.00*	Cap, Gown, College Tassel Includes a one-year membership to the Alumni Association	Website is open
Bachelor Honor cords	\$15.00*		Information will be emailed by 5:00 pm on November 1 st to those who qualify.
Master	\$125.00*	Cap, Gown, College Hood Includes a one-year membership to the Alumni Association	Website is open
Doctoral – Rental**	\$171.00*	Gown, Hood, and Tam	Website is open
Doctoral – Purchase***		Please visit the regalia order website for purchase and pricing options. Doctoral graduates are required to have Gown, Hood, and Tam to participate in the ceremony.	Website is open

*All prices are subject to change.

*Price does not include tax or shipping.

Shipping fees for orders placed before November 7th are as follows:

Bachelor & Masters: \$14.90 Domestic and \$32.00 International

Doctoral: \$18.10 Domestic and \$37.35 International

Shipping fees for Doctoral orders placed between November 8th – November 18th.

Doctoral: \$26.65 Domestic and \$37.35 International

**A \$250 deposit (Hold Fee) is required for all Doctoral rentals. The Hold Fee will be refunded upon rental return.

***PhD custom gown purchases need to be [pre-ordered](#) and should be placed at least 6 weeks in advance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CLASS RINGS: Personalized announcements and college class rings can be ordered through the regalia [Website](#). Please contact the Florida Atlantic Campus Store at (561)297-3720 for more details.

GRADUATE CHECK-IN/PROCESSION

Graduates should report to the Live Oak Pavilion **1 hour** before the beginning of the ceremony. The Live Oak Pavilion is located across from Parking Garage 1 and can also be accessed through the Student Union. For further directions, please use the [campus map](#).

The procession of graduates begins 20 minutes before your ceremony start time. To ensure you are able to walk in the procession, we strongly advise you arrive 1 hour early. For example, if your ceremony is at 1:00pm, the procession of graduates will begin at 12:40pm. Please plan accordingly so

you do not miss any part of your special day. Should you arrive after the procession has started, you will be seated directly in the auditorium with your fellow graduates.

GUEST TICKETS

Seating in the Carole and Barry Kaye Performing Arts Auditorium is limited and admission to the Commencement Ceremony is by **ticket only** (graduates do not require a ticket).

Only students who reply to this email by October 27th will be eligible to receive up to 4 guest tickets. Tickets will be emailed to their FAU email account between October 28th and November 5th from no-reply@audienceview.com.

SEATING AND SECURITY

The procession of graduates will begin **20 minutes prior to the ceremony start time**. During this time, security lines will be temporarily halted, and guests will not be able to enter the Student Union until all graduates and members of the platform party have been seated. We strongly encourage guests to take this into consideration when planning their arrival time.

For the safety and security of all graduates and guests, mandatory security screening with metal detectors will occur upon entering the Student Union. All bags and personal belongings will be inspected, so we recommend only bringing essential items to the graduation ceremony. We suggest the use of clear plastic/vinyl bags to help speed the security checking process. The following items will not be permitted into the Student Union or auditorium: firearms, weapons of any kind, large bags, totes, backpacks, bullhorns or noisemakers, luggage, signs of any type, and other items deemed unsafe by Student Union management are prohibited. Plan your arrival to ensure adequate time to go through security.

ACCOMMODATIONS FOR GRADUATES

ACCOMMODATIONS (for graduates): If accommodation(s) for a disability is required, notify the Registrar's Office at commencement@fau.edu or call (561) 297-2731 at least 10 days prior to the ceremony.

ACCOMMODATIONS FOR GUESTS

ACCOMMODATIONS (for guests): If accommodation(s) for a disability is required, notify the Florida Atlantic Box Office at fauboxoffice@fau.edu or call 561-297-6124. Handicapped seating for guests is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Ushers will be on hand at the event to guide guests to appropriate seating. Please contact the Florida Atlantic Box Office with any questions.

TRANSCRIPTS

Degrees are certified and awarded approximately 1 week after final grades are due for the semester; therefore, it is recommended that you check your unofficial transcript for final grades and awarded degree status before ordering an official transcript. Alternatively, you may select the option of "After Degree" when ordering your official transcript if you must place your order before your degree has been awarded. The University must charge for all official transcripts and cannot waive fees for those ordered incorrectly. You may order an official transcript online through [MyFAU](https://myfau.edu). For detailed instructions on how to order a transcript, please go to <http://fau.edu/registrar/transcripts.php>

DIPLOMAS

Degrees are certified and awarded approximately 1 week after final grades are due for the semester. Graduates can expect to receive their diplomas in the mail approximately 6 to 8 weeks after the end of the term. If you have a change in your address, please notify the Commencement Office at commencement@fau.edu before Friday, January 3, 2025.

QUESTIONS: If you have any additional questions concerning Commencement, please send an email to commencement@fau.edu or contact the Registrar's Office at 561-297-2731. You can also visit our website <http://www.fau.edu/registrar/graduation/>.