

**The 2020 Pre-Graduation
Reception
&
The 2020 Graduation Ceremony
are canceled**



General Information

Ordering Academic Regalia (tam, hood, gown & tassel; the tassel is yours to keep)

The UGA Bookstore will be at the law school on November 6, 2019, to take orders for regalia. Orders may also be placed at the UGA Bookstore Customer Service area.

Students will receive e-mail reminders with additional information before November 6, 2019.

All official communication regarding graduation will be distributed via the law school's e-mail listserv at lawstu20@listserv.uga.edu

Commencement Ceremony

The School of Law's commencement ceremony is scheduled for **Saturday May 16, 2020** at Stegeman Coliseum.

Time of Commencement Ceremony

The ceremony is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. and conclude around 11:30 a.m.

**Invitations to the Saturday
Commencement Ceremony**

You may order official graduation invitations from a vendor of your choice (e.g., UGA Bookstore, Bel-Jean's, from online sources, etc.)

There is no limit to the number of guests you may invite to attend the Saturday commencement ceremony.

Lodging

Room blocks have been made at the hotels that are the closest to the law school for the Law School Commencement activities.

HILTON GARDEN INN

[\(706\) 353 - 6800](tel:(706)353-6800)

390 East Washington Street

Athens, GA 30601

Group Code: 00LSG

[Special Booking Link](#)

**SPRINGHILL SUITES ATHENS
DOWNTOWN / UNIVERSITY AREA**

[\(706\) 850 - 2072](tel:(706)850-2072)

220 S. Hull Street

Athens, Ga 30605

[Special Booking Link](#)

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS

[\(706\) 546 - 8122](tel:(706)546-8122)

513 West Broad Street

Athens, GA 30605

[Special Booking Link](#)

**UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA CENTER FOR
CONTINUING EDUCATION & HOTEL**

[\(800\) 884 - 1381](tel:(800)884-1381)

1197 S. Lumpkin Street

Athens, GA 30602

www.UGAHOTEL.com

Code: 92427

**Link to review all hotels available in
Athens, GA:**

<http://www.georgiahotels.com/>

Graduation 2020

Schedule of Commencement Events

Friday, May 15

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

School of Law open to guests of 2020 graduation candidates for self-guided tours.

6:00 p.m.

Cocktail Reception for Class of 2020 and their guests (UGA Hotel and Conference Center, Mahler Hall)

7:30 p.m.

Dinner on your own

Saturday, May 16

8:15 a.m. - Assistance with Donning Regalia

Law school staff will be available to assist individuals in donning their regalia. Tassel is to be worn over the left eye (*indicating you have already received a baccalaureate degree.*) You do not switch the tassel after receiving your law degree.

9:00 a.m. - Class Photograph

Please begin congregating at 8:50 a.m. for the photo. The J.D. class photograph is scheduled to be taken promptly at 9:00 a.m. LL.M. and MSL candidates will have their own group photo.

9:30 a.m. - Line Up for the Processional

All graduation candidates will begin to line up in alphabetical order by last name for the processional. Members of the Office of the Registrar will distribute index cards that have both your name and a number printed on them. The number helps to make lining up alphabetically much easier.

10:00 a.m. - Processional

The processional will start promptly at 10:00 a.m. and will be led by Athens-Clarke County Sheriff Ira Edwards

Accepting Your Diploma Tube

After the speeches, the presentation of the MSL and LL.M. candidates, and the conferring of degrees to the J.D. candidates, each graduate will walk across the graduation stage to accept a diploma tube as one of the Honorary Marshals reads their name aloud. The GradImages Photography Co. has been engaged to take individual photos as you cross the graduation stage and accept your diploma tube. Family members and friends are welcome to take their own photos of this particular moment. Space is limited in front of the stage so we ask that individual photographers only stay at the front to snap photos of their graduate and then leave the area so others may come forward.

Diploma

The diploma tube you receive on Saturday does NOT contain your diploma. Diplomas will be mailed to graduates once all grades are in and honors have been determined (e.g., cum laude, magna cum laude, etc.) Generally, diplomas are mailed in late June.

For framing purposes, the size of the diploma you will receive is 12" x 15".

Length of Commencement Ceremony

The ceremony can last anywhere from 75 minutes to upwards to 90 minutes.

Live Streaming

Live streaming will be available on the law school website.

Returning Regalia and the Diploma Tube

After the graduation ceremony concludes and you have taken all the photos you want with friends and faculty members, and you are ready to leave the coliseum, **please return the gown, hood, tam, and diploma tube to the graduate entrance of the coliseum.** The purple tassel is yours to keep.

For Questions, Contact:

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Sample Wording for School of Law Graduation announcement

(should you choose to print your own invitations)

The Faculty and Graduating Class
of the
University of Georgia School of Law
announce that
(insert candidate's name here)
is a candidate for the degree of
Juris Doctor (or Master of Laws)
at the
Commencement Exercises
on the morning of Saturday,
the sixteenth of May
two thousand and twenty
at ten o'clock
Stegeman Coliseum
University of Georgia
Athens, Georgia