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Attending the Ceremonies

1. The Main University Ceremony begins at 8:30 am in Alumni Park.
   a. Graduates should arrive by 7:45 am in their cap and gown and line up with the Viterbi School of Engineering. They will process in at 8:30 am. Students do not walk across the stage at this ceremony.

2. The Viterbi Undergraduate Ceremony will begin immediately following the Main University Ceremony at approximately 10:45am.
   a. Please do not leave the main ceremony early!
   b. The USC Faculty Marshals will lead all of the graduates and guests to the USC Village for the Viterbi ceremony. We will not begin our ceremony until graduates and guests have arrived and taken their seats.

3. Video monitors, broadcasting both the main ceremony and Viterbi ceremony, will be available throughout the guest seating area at the Viterbi ceremony site on the Great Lawn at the USC Village.

4. Most Viterbi departments choose to hold department receptions. The receptions are for both graduate and undergraduate students, so many times it begins during the Undergraduate Ceremony. You can plan on attending the reception after the Undergraduate Ceremony concludes. More information can be found on the commencement website.
Campus Map

The Main USC Ceremony is held in Alumni Park. Following the USC Ceremony, guests and students will be led to the Viterbi Undergraduate Ceremony in the University Village by USC Faculty Marshals.

Jefferson Blvd will be closed to thru traffic on the day of commencement. There will be information booths and maps set up around campus to offer additional guidance.

View an interactive map of the USC Great Lawn at:
https://uscvillage.com/map/
Transportation & Parking

We highly encourage you to take public transportation or a rideshare (Lyft/Uber). Parking will be very limited on campus and often fills up early (by 7:00am).

1. The Expo Line is the best option for avoiding traffic and congestion, and your guests will get dropped off right in front of campus. It is recommended to park at one of the park and rides along the expo line and taking the short trip into campus.

2. Take Uber or Lyft and get dropped off at one of the designated locations.

3. By Car. The nearest freeway access is via the 110 Harbor Freeway and the 10 Freeway. Comprehensive directions to the main entrance may be found on visit.usc.edu.
   a. Parking is free for all guests on the day of commencement. Overnight parking is not permitted.
   b. The Grand Avenue Parking Structure (formerly UPX), on the corner of Jefferson Boulevard and Grand Avenue is recommended for families and guests. As parking garages fill up, traffic control will guide cars to the next available lot.

Read more about transportation and parking here.
Disability Services

The Viterbi Undergraduate Ceremony will have a designated seating area for wheelchair seating, along with one companion seat. There will also be a television located in the wheelchair seating area that will provide captions for the event for guests who are hard of hearing.

For information regarding dropping off guests with disabilities and wheelchair checkout, please refer to the Main University website: https://commencement.usc.edu/guests/disability-info/
Ceremony Layout and Procession

The Viterbi Undergraduate Ceremony is where graduates walk across the stage, receive their diploma cover, and shake hands with the Dean and their Department Chair.

Graduates:
- Graduates will be led to the Viterbi Undergraduate Ceremony by faculty marshals. They will enter through the USC Village and will be seated with their major. Please see the seating chart below.

Majors will be called in the following order:
- ISE
- EE
- BME
- AME
- ASTE
- CSCI
- CHE
- CE

We ask that all graduates and guests stay until the end of the ceremony.
Ceremony Flow for Graduates

Staff members will be on sight to guide graduates across the stage, through the professional photo opportunity, and back to their seat. However, it is helpful to review the walking path for the appropriate side of the stage prior to the ceremony. The path is designed for students to cross the stage, followed by a professional photo taken to the left of the stage.

Graduates will fill out a name card which they will hand to the reader before crossing the stage. Name cards will be handed out in the graduate seating area on the day of the ceremony.