

Student instructions for the

College of Agricultural and Life Sciences Commencement Ceremony for Bachelor's and Master's Degree Recipients

May 5 ▪ 7 pm ▪ Stephen C. O'Connell Center

Time

Our ceremony is scheduled for 7 p.m., but that's when everyone is seated and the National Anthem is played. The processional will begin shortly after 6:30 p.m. Your guests should be in their seats before that time. The O'Connell Center gates will open at 5:30 p.m. Guests must enter from Gate 1. There will be a recessional of all graduates after the ceremony; you will not be permitted to leave early. Everything should be finished by 9 p.m.

You should arrive at the O'Connell Center (Gate 4) no later than 5:45 pm with your cap, gown and name card.

Please do not fold, bend or otherwise mutilate your name card. We need the QR code to be readable so your name will appear on the screens when you walk across the stage. Before arriving at the O'Connell Center, please complete the front and back of the card. You will retain this card until you are ready to be individually recognized on the platform during the ceremony.

Guests & Parking

There should be abundant seating in the O'Connell Center for as many guests as you want to invite. Tickets are not required. Guests with limited mobility should find an usher who will direct them to a special seating area.

Parking will be available at the O'Connell Center on a first come first served basis. Additional parking is available in the Commuter Lot on Gale Lemerand Drive.

Regalia

Regalia is available for pickup at the UF Bookstore beginning April 17 (bring your Gator1 card).

If you will receive Anderson Scholar or CALS Honors Scholar medals, wear those to graduation along with any [honor cords](#) you earned. CALS Honors Scholars received their medals at our CALS Scholarship and Leadership Awards Banquet.

Printed Programs

Each student walking in our ceremony will receive a keepsake program specific to the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences on his or her seat. An abbreviated version of the program will be available for guests as they enter the O'Connell Center.

Because the college is hosting its own ceremony, the University of Florida did not print CALS bachelor's and master's degree students' names in the UF Commencement Program.

The program is also available on the [UF Commencement website](#). If you cannot attend the CALS ceremony and would like a commemorative program, a limited quantity will be available in the CALS Dean's Office the week after commencement.

Line Up Locations

Students should report to the following locations after checking in at Gate 4.

MAJOR	MAJOR CODE	LINE UP LOCATION	MARSHAL
Agricultural Education and Communication	AEC	Practice Court	Thoron
Agricultural Operations Management	AOM	Practice Court	Watson
Animal Sciences	AL	Practice Court	TenBroeck
Biology	BLY	Practice Court	Osborne
Botany	BTY	Practice Court	Osborne
Dietetics (FSHN)	DIE	between gates 1 and 4, downstairs	Mathews
Entomology and Nematology	EY	Practice Court	Lucky
Environmental Mgmt in Ag and Nat Resources	IS-EMN/EMD	Orange & Blue Rm	Gerber
Environmental Science (SNRE)	ESC	Orange & Blue Rm	Trenholm
Family, Youth and Community Sciences	FYC	Practice Court	Fletcher
Food and Resource Economics	FRE	between gates 1 and 4, downstairs	Sharp
Food Science (FSHN)	FSC	between gates 1 and 4, downstairs	Mathews
Forest Resources and Conservation (SFRC)	FRC	Orange & Blue Rm	Ahrens
Geomatics (SFRC)	GEM	Orange & Blue Rm	Ahrens
Horticultural Science	HOS	Orange & Blue Rm	Chaparro
Marine Sciences (SFRC)	IS-MAR	Orange & Blue Rm	Ahrens
Master's candidates (all majors)		Between gates 2 and 3, downstairs	von Castel
Microbiology and Cell Science	MCB	Orange & Blue Rm	Rice
Natural Resource Conservation (SFRC)	RCN	Orange & Blue Rm	Ahrens
Nutritional Sciences (FSHN)	NUT	between gates 1 and 4, downstairs	Mathews
Plant Science	PLS	Orange & Blue Rm	Peterson
Soil and Water Science	SLS	Orange & Blue Rm	Gerber
Wildlife Ecology and Conservation	WIE	Orange & Blue Rm	Austin

The Practice Court is located on the first floor. Students lining up in the Orange and Blue Room or in the hall will need to go downstairs. The Orange and Blue Room was previously known as the Martial Arts Room.

Webcast

Our ceremony will be webcast live for those family and friends who are unable to attend. Link to the webcast from <https://commencement.ufl.edu/webcasts.html>.

Social Media

Follow CALS on Twitter, Instagram, Facebook or Snapchat (@ufcals). Include #UFGrad and @ufcals in your tweets/posts before, during and after commencement.

Additional Information

Additional general information on commencement (including a list of [prohibited items](#)) is available at <https://commencement.ufl.edu>.