

Commencement 2023

Fall/Mid-Fall 2022, Spring/Mid-Spring 2023 and Summer/Mid-Summer 2023 Graduates

Commencement Festivities

- **Participation:** Commencement participants include Fall/Mid-Fall 2022, Spring/Mid-Spring 2023 and Summer/Mid-Summer 2023 graduates **only**. To participate in commencement, you must apply for graduation by **April 3, 2023**. Failure to apply by the deadline will result in your name being omitted from the Commencement Program. All degree requirements, **including satisfaction of student financial obligations to the University**, must be met by **4:30PM on April 3, 2023**. If you have questions regarding your financial obligations, please contact the Business Office at 770-720-5520.
 - **Non-participation:** If you will not be participating in the commencement ceremony and its related activities, please notify the Office of the Registrar at 770-720-5534 or registrar@reinhardt.edu by **Thursday, April 6, 2023**.
 - **Special Note:** Students who have submitted an application to graduate and have courses to complete during summer or mid-summer semesters 2023 **must petition to participate** in the May 5, 2023 commencement ceremony. The petition must be signed by the student's school dean.
 - The form required to petition to participate may be obtained from the Office of the Registrar and must be completed and returned to the Registrar's Office by **Monday, April 3, 2023**.
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Regalia, Commencement Ceremony and Honor Cord Pick Up

- **Caps & Gowns and Suggested Attire:**
 - Commencement regalia are provided at no additional cost. **You should place an order for regalia on-line at <https://herff.ly/reinhardt>**. The order deadline is Monday, March 13th for campus pickup and Wednesday, March 22nd for delivery to your home. (A \$13.95 shipping fee applies to home delivery orders.)
 - Regalia being delivered to campus will be distributed on dates to be determined. The pick up information will be posted on the commencement web page as soon as it is arrangements are made.
 - **Caps and gowns will not be handed out at commencement so please make plans to pick up your regalia during the dates/times to be announced.**
 - You will wear both the cap and gown for commencement. If you are a male, wear a dress shirt and tie, black or navy-blue pants and dress shoes under your graduation gown. If you are a female, please wear a dark skirt, dress or pants and dress shoes. **Note: There will be a considerable amount of walking and some climbing of steps, so please wear appropriate shoes. We recommend no high heels on the turf field.*
- **Commencement Tickets:** Tickets will not be required for the Commencement Ceremony. We recommend students to bring no more than 10 guests.

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- **Announcements:** Personalized commencement announcements may be ordered through the same website as regalia mentioned above.
- **Honor cords:** For the commencement ceremony, *summa cum laude*, *magna cum laude*, and *cum laude* honors will be determined by the student's overall cumulative grade-point average (GPA), including course work attempted prior to enrolling at Reinhardt. This GPA will be calculated at the end of Spring 2023 Session I/end of Mid-Fall 2022-2023 Session II grade processing. Graduates receiving Latin Honors will be notified by letter. Honor cords will be distributed by the Registrar's Office from **April 10th – May 4th (before 2:00 p.m. on the 4th)**.
- **Graduation Fair:** Join us for the Graduation Fair on Thursday, February 23 from 10 am-2 pm in the Hill Freeman Library. This is your one-stop shop to prepare to graduate! You will be able to: Ask commencement questions, check your graduation status, learn how to order your cap and gown, reconcile your student account that may prevent you from graduating, explore opportunities about graduate programs, and meet with Vocation & Career Services to plan for your future. The Graduation Fair is here to help you complete all necessary preparation for participating in Commencement. Those that attend will be entered into drawings for great prizes, and much more! To find out more visit www.reinhardt.edu/gradfair.
- **Ring of the University Bells:** On the last day of classes in the spring, there are official and unofficial traditions galore. Graduates of the Class of 2023 will become the first participants in a brand-new Reinhardt tradition. As each senior finishes their final class at Reinhardt University, they're invited to ring the bells of the Bratton Carillon. The Bratton Carillon has been used to summoned generations of Reinhardt students to classes. The cheerful echo of the bell will be heard all day long as seniors line up with their friends and classmates for this unforgettable moment. Each time the bell is heard across the campus, a student proclaims their achievement. The last day of classes for Spring 2023 is Tuesday, April 25. The ringing of the bell will take place between 10am and 2pm.

Commencement Rehearsal – Thursday, May 4, 2023 - The Practice Field at the Ken White Stadium (Time: 3:00pm)

- **Students report to the Ken White Hitting Facility no later than 2:30 p.m.**
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Commencement – An academic celebration of your graduation

Friday, May 5, 2023 - Ken White Athletic Field Stadium (Time: 9:30AM)

The event will take place, RAIN or SHINE!

9:30AM – Fall/Mid-Fall 2022, Spring/Mid-Spring 2023 and Summer/Mid-Summer 2023

***Student Line up begins at 8:00AM**

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- **Commencement Processional:** Report to the Ken White Indoor Hitting Facility. Line up begins at 8:00 a.m.
- **Guest admission to the commencement area:** Please advise your guests to arrive at least one (1) hour early to allow time for seating prior to the start of the ceremony. **Commencement will begin at 9:30AM.**
- Do not bring valuables to commencement. Please leave all valuables with family as we will not be able to secure items. There will be a considerable amount of walking and some climbing of steps, so please wear appropriate shoes.
- **NOTE:** If there are reports of severe weather, the commencement will be delayed until the threat has passed.
- **Parking:** Reinhardt's Department of Public Safety and the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office will assist with parking and traffic flow. Graduating students should park in the Funk Heritage Center and East Hall lots. Your guests may park in any available parking space on campus with exception of designated handicap spaces and fire lanes. Space is limited, so please encourage carpooling.
- **Handicapped/Disabled parking:** If you or your guest(s) currently have a **state-approved** handicapped parking pass, you will not need an additional one from Reinhardt University. Disability parking is located on One Eagle's Way, behind Isherwood Field House. (One Eagle's Way will be restricted to handicapped parking only).
- **Special Accommodations:** If you are a student requesting special accommodations for Commencement, please notify the Registrar's Office as soon as possible for arrangements. (770-720-5534)
- The commencement ceremony will be live-streamed. More information to come.

NOTE: "Any person entering the premises waives all civil liability against this premises owner and operator for any injuries caused by the inherent risk associated with contracting COVID-19 at public gatherings, except for gross negligence, willful and wanton misconduct, reckless infliction of harm, or intentional infliction of harm, by the individual or entity of the premises."

For more Commencement information, please check www.reinhardt.edu/commencement.

If you have questions, come by the Office of the Registrar located in the Burgess Administration Building or contact us by phone at 770-720-5534 or e-mail at registrar@reinhardt.edu.

Watch for additional information on the website: <https://www.reinhardt.edu/student-life/student-services-resources/registrar/commencement/>

Congratulations!