

DOCTORAL CANDIDATES – 2017 CEREMONY INFORMATION

Welcome to Commencement 2017! Below you will find important information about dates, procedures, and deadlines for this year's commencement planning. To maximize guest attendance with the increasing number of students, Doctoral Candidates and Master's Candidates will have separate ceremonies.

This year's ceremony will take place in **McCarthy Quad**, **guest tickets are not required for the Doctoral Ceremony**. In a larger venue, there is space to accommodate approximately 15 guests per graduate. Please keep this number in mind as you invite your love ones.

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<http://rossierstudents.usc.edu/commencement/>

ROSSIER DOCTORAL COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY (EdD & PhD)

The Rossier School of Education Doctoral Commencement Ceremony takes place **Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. in McCarthy Quad**. All Doctoral students will be hooded by their Faculty Chair during this ceremony. **Guest tickets are NOT required.**

USC MAIN COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY (ALL Candidates)

The USC Main Commencement Ceremony takes place **Friday, May 12, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.** in Alumni Park. **No tickets are required.** Seating is on a **first-come-first-served basis**.

DATES TO REMEMBER

ANNOUNCEMENTS, RINGS, AND DIPLOMA FRAMES

Announcements and rings can be purchased from Herff Jones and diploma frames can be purchased from Framing Success. Information on both companies can be found at www.uscbookstore.com under the graduation link.

FEBRUARY 27 - MARCH 3 - COMMENCEMENT BOOK PROOF

The USC Commencement Program proof will be available for FINAL verification of name, degree, and previous degree before it's finalized for printing. All eligible students will receive the proof via email, unless otherwise indicated. Students who previously requested to be excluded from the electronic version of the proof will need to make arrangements with their Program Office to personally verify their Commencement book information. *Your name will only appear in the Commencement Book if you complete your degree in Fall 2016, Spring 2017 or Summer 2017. Your name will **NOT** appear in the Commencement Book if any privacy blocks are placed on your student information.*

Names, previous degrees and dissertation titles will only be printed in accordance with your University record.

MARCH 13 - DEADLINE TO BUY REGALIA FROM USC BOOKSTORE

MAY 1 - CAP AND GOWN RENTAL

Ordering, measurement and distribution of the Cap and Gown will take place in the Pertusati University Bookstore patio. Hours are as follows: Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.; Friday, May 12, 11:00 a.m.

Online orders can be taken via www.uscbookstore.com, **February 27, 2017 – April 16, 2017**

**Any online orders placed from April 17 – April 30 must be picked up on campus.*

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