

Frequently Asked Questions - Commencement Activities

Virtual Commencement Ceremony

When is the Virtual Ceremony taking place?

Thursday, July 30, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. via an online video. You will get the link to the video as the date approaches.

When is the deadline to sign-up to participate in the virtual ceremony?

*You will receive an email asking you to submit a photo, video, and a brief bio of yourself. Once you submit this information, you have signed up to participate in the virtual ceremony. The deadline to submit your information is **July 9, 2020**. We recommend that you submit your information as soon as you receive an email from our virtual ceremony company email graduation@marchingorder.com*

Does the photo or video I submit for the virtual commencement have to be in a cap and gown?

No, your photo or video does not have to be in a cap and gown. However, all videos will be reviewed for appropriate commencement content (ex. attire, language, etc.).

Am I eligible to participate in the virtual commencement?

All candidates for graduation received an email regarding commencement. If you filed a Graduation Petition for 2019-2020 and it was approved, you are eligible to participate. If you have any questions in regards to your graduation petition please contact vikki.carr@imperial.edu

How will I receive information regarding commencement?

Most updated information regarding commencement is available on our website at www.imperial.edu/students/student-affairs/commencement. We will attempt to email students directly; however we ask that you refer to our commencement website. If you are not receiving any emails, please check your clutter mail and your IVC student email. If you have not received emails regarding commencement, please contact elizabeth.espinoza@imperial.edu.

Can I get a refund for my cap and gown?

The deadline to file for a cap and gown refund was Thursday, June 11, 2020. If you have questions or concerns about a refund please contact studentaffairs@imperial.edu.

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If I purchased my cap and gown prior to the campus closure, what will happen?

*Students who purchased cap and gowns prior to campus closure received an email with a survey that asked for students to identify if they wanted to keep their cap and gown or get a refund. If you did not respond to the survey, you will automatically get a refund and no cap and gown package. The deadline to submit the survey was **Thursday, June 11, 2020**.*

- *EOPS/CARE students who placed a cap and gown order prior to May 1, 2020, you will receive a cap and gown order. If you have any questions or concerns please contact EOPS.*

Can I still purchase a cap, gown, tassel, honor/distinction cord, and a diploma cover?

*Yes, you can still purchase the aforementioned items. Please visit our website at www.imperial.edu/students/student-affairs/commencement/. Where you will find the links to purchase these items; orders made through these links are not eligible for returns. The deadline to purchase these items is **Friday, June 19, 2020, at 11:59 p.m.***

What is included in the regalia package?

The regalia package includes a cap & gown, one 2020 tassel, one diploma cover, and one honor or distinction cord (if applicable).

How will I know if I will receive an honor/distinction cord?

*You will receive an honor cord (silver) if you have a GPA of 3.0 - 3.49.
You will receive a distinction cord (gold) if you have a GPA of 3.5 or higher.*

How will you receive your regalia package (cap, gown, tassel, honor/distinction cord, and diploma cover)?

Imperial Valley College will be holding Regalia distribution days; this will be a drive-through style pick up. You will not be able to purchase any items on site. Distribution will only be for students who purchased regalia or a la carte orders. The distribution will be on a first come first served basis. The dates and times for our distribution days are:

Sunday, July 26 - Distribute graduation packets to students @ IVC bus stop 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Monday, July 27 - Distribute graduation packets to students @ IVC bus stop 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Tuesday, July 28 - Distribute graduation packets to students @ IVC bus stop 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Cap and Gown Picture Day Event

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Where and at what time is the cap and gown picture day?

This event will take place at IVC on Thursday, June 25, 2020 and Monday, June 29, 2020 from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Do I have to participate in picture day to submit a photo for the virtual commencement ceremony?

No, these events are optional.

Will I have to register to participate in picture day?

Yes, a sign up form will be emailed to all candidates where you will select the date and time you will attend.

Will the cap and gown be sanitized?

Yes, all caps and gowns will be sanitized after each use.

Will I get the option to view and ask for an additional picture?

No, only one picture will be taken per student. In an effort to follow Public Health guidelines, we ask that students are ready to take their photos. This will allow us to take your picture as quickly as possible.

How will I receive my photo?

All photos taken will be placed in a google drive folder. You will be able to view your photo and download it to submit to the virtual commencement ceremony. Students will be required to sign a photo release form.

Commencement Parade Ceremony

When and where will the Commencement Car Parade Ceremony take place?

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Thursday, July 30, 2020 at Imperial Valley College. The lineup for the parade will begin at 7:00 p.m. The car parade is scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m. Graduates will have the option to cross the stage on a first come first served basis.

Do I have to register to participate in the Commencement Car Parade Ceremony?

You will receive an email to RSVP if you plan to attend the parade; however, it is not a requirement.

How many people can be with the graduate in the car?

Per Imperial County guidelines, only three people with masks are permitted to be in the car, this includes the Graduate.

Can other people come to watch the parade?

No, only the Graduate and up to two of his/her household members may attend the parade. The commencement parade will be live-streamed to allow family and friends the opportunity to watch from the safety of their homes.

What do I wear to the parade?

Graduates may wear their commencement regalia or appropriate attire.

Are tickets required to attend the parade?

No.

Are there provisions for guests with disabilities for the parade?

Yes, please contact miriam.trejo@imperial.edu for any accommodation requests. The commencement committee will work with each student to best suit their accommodations.

Graduation Recognition Week

What is Graduation Recognition Week?

Imperial Valley College will showcase graduates (photos of school work, athletics, student events, student profiles, etc.) via social media & on the Imperial Valley Press, on a limited first come first serve basis.

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When is Graduation Recognition Week?

Monday, July 13, 2020 through Thursday, July 16, 2020

Where do I submit my accomplishments?

You may submit your accomplishments, profile photos, graduation photos, etc to socialmedia@imperial.edu with the title: Graduation Recognition Week_Last, First Name (ex. Graduation Recognition Week_Vargas, Mabel)

What activities take place during Graduation Recognition Week?

Students, keep an eye out for IVC emails, social media, and the newspaper as we will be sharing your accomplishments. Graduation Recognition Week is scheduled on Monday, July 13-Thursday, July 16, 2020.