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## Commencement

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# Commencement

*In Our 168th Year*

Sunday, May 6, 2018 at 1 p.m.

Commencement will be held indoors at the Shirk Activity Center

## Class of 2018

Commencement Program

Commencement Honors

May 2018 – Commencement Details for Graduating Seniors

April 2018 – Letter to the Class of 2018 Families

April 2018 – Letter to Students Re: Senior Class Dinner, Commencement, and Graduating Student Survey

January 2018 – To the Class of 2018 and Their Families



Commencement Highlights by David O'Neil '21

## Live Commencement Webcast

Watch the ceremony live at [www.iwu.edu/live](http://www.iwu.edu/live) (U.S.A.)

or [www.ustream.tv/channel/iwu-commencement](http://www.ustream.tv/channel/iwu-commencement) (International)

*This year no tickets will be required to attend the ceremony, regardless of indoor or outdoor location.*

*As a courtesy to all of our guests, attendees are asked to have someone present at all times when reserving seats.*

## Indoor Ceremony



Watch the ceremony



If heavy rains or weather alerts require the ceremony to be held in the Shirk Center, 302 E. Emerson Street, ([#36 on the map](#)) chair seating is provided for graduates, faculty and guests. Guest seating is on a first-come basis and, while we make sincere efforts to accommodate guests, we cannot guarantee clear lines of sights to the Platform. The doors to the Shirk Activity Center will open at **10:30 a.m.** for seating. All guests should be seated by 12:30 p.m.

Guests may view the ceremony on a large-screen simulcast in the Hansen Student Center ([#15 on the map](#)), located south of the Shirk Center.

## Parking

Convenient parking lots are located near Empire Street, University Avenue, Beecher Street and at the Shirk Center. Commencement guests may park in any area of the University parking lots except for those designated as handicapped or loading zones.

[See map.](#)

## For Those Who Need Assistance

Guests who need a wheelchair should contact Central Illinois Medical Equipment at (309) 827-3459 for rental arrangements. A few wheelchairs will be available at Commencement, courtesy of the University, but **they are reserved for emergency use.**

## Indoor Ceremony Assistance

A drop-off spot is available in the Shirk Center parking lot which is near the lower-level entry to the Activity Center. Wheelchair accessible spaces will be located on the floor of the Activity Center. An elevator is located in the building to reach the lower level. Because space is extremely limited, seating in these areas is available only to guests needing assistance or wheelchair seating, and **ONE other family member**; families should plan accordingly.

## Photos

During the awarding of degrees, a professional photograph will be taken of each graduate as the diploma is presented and as the graduate leaves the stage. The photo studio, GradImages, will email proofs to the student if they sign up in advance, or mail free color proofs to the student's home address, along with information regarding purchase of photos.

Families and friends may video and photograph during the ceremony, but we ask that they be considerate of other guests by not blocking their view of the ceremony. **The use of tripods is not allowed due to safety concerns.**



[See a Commencement Photo Gallery](#)

