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Commencement returns to the Green

UC Santa Barbara's largest Commencement ceremonies — the Graduate Division, all College of Letters & Science, and College of Engineering ceremonies, scheduled for June 14-16 — have been returned to the traditional Commencement Green. The ceremonies, seven of nine altogether, had previously been relocated to the RecCen Fields to ensure continuity and enhance safety. In response to feedback from the campus community, and to accommodate additional guests, the decision was made to return the events to the original venue.

The Bren School and College of Creative Studies ceremonies will remain in their original venues and tickets will not be necessary.

Tickets will still be required for the ceremonies on Commencement Green. However, each ticket now admits two guests, allowing for a total of 12 guests per student. Each pair of guests entering on a single ticket must arrive together for admission.

The initial change in venue — and the addition of ticketing — was undertaken to help ensure the continuity of the university's multiple ceremonies and to enhance safety procedures. Determined to create a safe and accessible ceremony that provides all students the opportunity to cross the stage and be recognized, further review and revision of safety procedures, and the implementation of additional safety protocols, preceded the return to Commencement Green.

Approximately 6,500 undergraduates will be awarded degrees during commencement weekend. The Graduate Division expects 472 participants.

Additional information about Commencement events, policies, and answers to frequently asked questions can be found on the [Commencement website](#).

About UC Santa Barbara

The University of California, Santa Barbara is a leading research institution that also provides a comprehensive liberal arts learning experience. Our academic community of faculty, students, and staff is characterized by a culture of interdisciplinary collaboration that is responsive to the needs of our multicultural and global society. All of this takes place within a living and learning environment like no other, as we draw inspiration from the beauty and resources of our extraordinary location at the edge of the Pacific Ocean.