Frequently Asked Questions

USC Commencement website:
http://commencement.usc.edu/

For a map of campus showing line-up points, seating, etc.:
http://commencement.usc.edu/line-up-information/

How are students notified about commencement activities?
Information goes out to all Price School students by email from the Price School Commencement Coordinator on the student list servers to ensure we don’t miss students who will be graduating. Sometimes students do not receive important information because their mailbox is full. If students believe they are not on the student listserv they should let their program administrator know.

How do I know if my son/daughter is graduating?
Graduates should review their official university record for accuracy. Students who have questions about their anticipated graduation date should check with their program administrator.

All students should review their USC academic record for any errors on either OASIS (completed course summary or the STARS report).

It is each student’s responsibility to make certain that their academic and financial records are in order at the University. Students should also be aware of University academic and procedural policies. Resources are the USC Catalogue, SCAMPUS, and the Schedule of Classes.

I qualify for honors. When will I receive my honors cords?
Eligible Price undergraduate students will receive honor cords from the school at the Price School Awards Ceremony. An invitation to the Awards Ceremony will be sent to eligible students.

It is university policy that honor cords are for undergraduate students only.

Undergraduate Honors (University)
To be eligible for undergraduate honors at graduation, a minimum overall grade point average of 3.5 for cum laude, 3.7 for magna cum laude and 3.9 for summa cum laude is required. Students must meet these averages for residence work attempted, and combined transferred and residence work attempted. The grade point average calculation is truncated, not rounded. University honors are noted on academic transcripts and the diploma. Refer to the "Academic Policies" [Requirements for Graduation] section of the USC Catalogue.

Do students have to register (sign up) for Commencement?
The Price School does require registration for the satellite ceremony. Emails to students include this information and the links to register. The links and deadline for registration are also included in the commencement information on the Price website: https://priceschool.usc.edu/students/graduation/
There is no sign-up process for participation in the main USC ceremony at 8:30 AM.

I will be finishing my degree requirements next fall. Can I participate in this year’s graduation ceremony?
While Fall 2019 graduates may walk in Spring 2019, their names will not appear in this year’s university commencement program, it will be listed in next year’s program. Students who walk early will be recognized at the Price Satellite Ceremony if they have registered (see above) by the registration deadline.

Undergraduate students who walk early will rent a cap and gown at the bookstore, but are not eligible to wear a university Honor Cord. If eligible, they would be awarded honors cords in May (Spring) 2019.

How do I order announcements, class ring, and diploma frame?
Official class rings, diploma frames, and graduation announcements are all sold by Herff Jones, and may be ordered together as a package through the USC Bookstore website.

How do I order regalia?
http://commencement.usc.edu/caps-and-gowns-regalia/

Where do I return regalia?
Please return your Gown/Hood following the ceremony, keep the cap and tassel. See MAP for Return Locations.

Obtaining Your Diploma
The Registrar’s Office oversees the distribution of university diplomas, in compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Most diplomas are mailed to the permanent address of record, six to eight weeks after a degree is conferred.

Certain activity restrictions or an invalid address will prevent your diploma from being printed until the problem is corrected. Any restrictions attached to your account can be found on the Restrictions link in OASIS which can be accessed through the myUSC portal.

Hours: Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Phone: (213) 740-7070

Any name change/correction must be submitted prior to your degree being posted.
If your degree has not been posted, and you wish to correct the name that is currently on record (check the name on your STARS report), you must submit the Request for Change/Correction of Name Form with the Registrar’s Office.

The Registrar’s Office requires legal verification.