

INTER AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO

METROPOLITAN CAMPUS DEAN OF STUDENTS OFFICE

GUIDELINES FOR 2023 GRADUATION ACTIVITIES

Congratulations on achieving your academic goals! Graduation activities include the following events:

- Oath Ceremony for the Graduating Classes of the Health Professions, Tuesday, June 13, 2023, 4:00 PM, Campus Theater
- Ecumenical Graduation Service, Wednesday, June 14, 2023, 4:00 PM, Campus Theater
- Commencement Ceremony, Friday, June 16, 2023, 4:00 PM, Puerto Rico Convention Center

Please read these instructions carefully and abide by their content.

OATH CEREMONY FOR THE GRADUATING CLASSES OF THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS

This ceremony marks the entrance of Medical Emergency-Paramedics, Pharmacy Technicians, Nurses, and Medical Technologists to their chosen professions. Members of these graduating classes will receive symbols of their respective professions and will make the traditional oath. Graduates may be accompanied by up to two guests, should wear their professional attire and arrive to campus at 2:30 PM.

ECUMENICAL GRADUATION SERVICE

The Ecumenical Graduation Service is a solemn, religious ceremony held to encourage reflection about this momentous occasion in your academic and professional life. This service will be held live for outstanding students and streamed for the rest of the graduating class. Students being honored are required to wear their academic attire (cap and tassel, gown, hood and honor stole), may be accompanied by up to two guests and arrive to campus at 2:30 PM.

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

The commencement ceremony will be held on Friday, **June 16, 2023**. You may participate in the ceremony if you completed all degree requirements and the Registrar's Office certified so for the terms ending in June, July, August, October or December, 2022 or in February or May, 2023. There is no limit to the number of guests you may bring to the ceremony; however, young children may be uneasy in the setting. Students are expected to arrive at the Convention Center by 2:30 PM and shall:

- Stay seated during the entire ceremony.
- Follow the indications of the procession officers assigned to their area.
- Refrain from decorating or otherwise altering the academic attire (cap and gown).
- Abstain from consuming any food or drinks and from chewing gum during the ceremonies as well as bringing to the Convention Center items such as confetti, paper streamers, helium-filled balloons, glitter, pyrotechnic effects, noisemakers of any kind, flags, banners, explosives, dry ice or sprays.

ACADEMIC ATTIRE

During the Ecumenical Graduation Service and the Commencement Ceremonies, graduating students are required to wear their academic attire (cap, gown and hood), which will be available at the Office of the Dean of Students (Room 247) from Wednesday, May 31 to Monday June 12, from 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM Monday to Friday and from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM on Saturdays. Appropriate garments should be worn underneath the academic attire: for males, closed-toe dark-colored shoes, long-sleeve shirt and tie, and dark-colored trousers are recommended. No jacket is required. Females should also wear comfortable, closed-toe, dark-colored shoes and dark bottoms. Academic attires shall remain unaltered.

INVITATIONS AND TICKETS

Each graduating student will be provided up to two tickets for the oath ceremony. For the ecumenical service, each outstanding undergraduate honor student will be provided up to two tickets. For the commencement ceremony, there is no limit to the number of guests you may bring to the ceremony. Each graduating student will receive an invitation, which serves as a memento and will not be required to participate in the event.

DIPLOMAS

Graduates will be notified by the Office of the Registrar about the availability of their diplomas.