



California University of Science and Medicine SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Class of 2023 *Master of Biomedical Sciences Graduation* *Guidelines for Students*

Graduation Date: Friday, May 12, 2023

Time: Ceremony begins promptly at 10:00 am

I. Guest Information

We kindly suggest that students ask their guests to arrive between 8:30 am – 9:30 am on the day of the ceremony. The ceremony starts promptly at 10:00 a.m.

II. Riverside Municipal Auditorium (directions and parking)

- a. Riverside Municipal Auditorium: 3485 Mission Inn Avenue, Riverside, CA 92501
- b. Venue Website: <https://www.livenation.com/venue/KovZpZAEA6FA/riverside-municipal-auditorium-events>
- c. RMA does not have designated parking. There is limited street parking around the facility. (Metered and timed rates apply). (See map at the bottom of the page)

III. Graduating Student Ceremony Line-Up

- a. **Student Check-In: 8:30 am.** Students will need to report to the Garden Room. Staff ushers will be there to assist. A staff member will hand out your “index card with your name on it”.
- b. **Academic Regalia required for all students and faculty participating on stage.**
- c. The ceremony line up to be completed by 9:30 am. The formal processional will begin promptly at 10:00 am.
- d. The line-up will be organized by staff ushers. Students shall stay in order as they are ushered to the ceremony area. Students will please watch the faculty and ushers for their cues.
- e. **Hooding:** Upon cues from the staff ushers, students will march forward to be hooded. Students will enter the stage, be hooded, pause for a photo, collect diploma cover, and return to their seat. Additional details during the practice session at Grad Fest.
- f. **Faculty and Student Group Photo Shoot** – immediately after the ceremony. Please follow the ushers.

IV. Dress Code

Due to the formality of this occasion and safety concerns regarding walking on the steps and stage, please wear appropriate footwear; flip flops, clogs and loose-fitting shoes are not recommended. In addition, it is requested that men wear slacks and a dress shirt with tie. For women, slacks with a blouse, or a dress is appropriate. Flowers and corsages should not be carried or worn in the academic procession.

V. Regalia

Regalia will be available for distribution during **Grad Fest**. The regalia must be returned to a staff member at the “designated” table after the ceremony. You will be able to keep your tassel as a memento.

VI. Ceremony Policies at RMA – please share with your guests!

1. Tickets are required for entry. Entrance gate opens at 8:30 am
2. **All faculty, staff, guests must enter the auditorium through a metal detector. Main entrance door.**
3. CUSM nor RMA are responsible for personal belongings. Please have your guests hold on to your items.
4. ***Bottled water is allowed*. Recycled bottles. No glass**
5. No helium balloons or noise makers are permitted.
6. No food or drinks are allowed. (other than bottled water)
7. No firearms, knives, explosives or other weapons
8. No cans, coolers, or other containers except in cases of medical need, as certified by a physician
9. No artificial noise makers, air horns or megaphones may be used.
10. No large signs, flags, poles, banners, or laser pointers
11. No promotional items with commercial slogans or identification
12. CUSM has the authority to prohibit any other items deemed to be a security risk.
13. Policies subject to change without notice.

VII. Tickets

Students will be granted up to **10** tickets for guests at Grad Fest. Please coordinate among your classmates to obtain extra tickets, if needed.

VIII. Nearby Lodging/hotels

Please click on link: <https://cusm.org/commencement/>

There is limited street parking near our venue. For a map of Riverside parking, please see [here](#). Meter parking rates apply.

Downtown Riverside Parking Facilities



- Limited FREE Parking: —
 Metered Parking: —
- Garage 1: Visitor (90 min. FREE) & Permit Parking
 - Garage 2: Visitor (90 min. FREE) & Permit Parking
 - Garage 3: Visitor (90 min. FREE) & Permit Parking
 - Garage 6: Permit Parking
 - Garage 7: Visitor (90 min. FREE), Permit Parking & Special Event Parking
 - Mission Inn Garage
 - Mission Square Garage
 - Citrus Tower Garage
 - Metro Center Garage
 - Lot 1: Visitor (3 hr. FREE) & Metered Parking
 - Lot 3: Metered & Permit Parking
 - Lot 12: Reserved Parking
 - Lot 16: Metered Parking
 - Lot 18: Metered & Reserved Parking
 - Lot 19: Metered & Reserved Parking
 - Lot 27: Metered Visitor Parking
 - Lot 33: Convention Center Special Event Parking
 - Lot 34: Visitor Parking (20 min. or 1 hr. FREE)
 - Lot 38: Metered Parking
 - Lot 40: Metered & Permit Parking
 - Lot 42: Metered & Permit Parking
 - Lot 44: Metered & Permit Parking
 - Lot 46: Metered & Permit Parking
 - Lot TW: Metered Parking



All parking lots and garages have parking for disabled persons.



Meter Parking Rates: 50¢, \$1.00 or \$1.50 per hour (Rate is posted on meter) *Parking rates are subject to change.*

NOTE: FREE parking on weekends and holidays and after 5 p.m. weekdays in most parking lots and City garages including permit parking only. Garages 1, 2, 3 and 7 have FREE parking up to 90 minutes on weekdays. For more information call Parking Services at 682-3167.