

Economics Graduation Information

May 14, 2017

Reception/Ceremony Location

FedEx Global Education Center
301 Pittsboro Street

Reception Time

Our reception will be held on the Outdoor Patio immediately following the Kenan Stadium Ceremony

Ceremony Time

Our graduation ceremony will be held in the Atrium after the Economics Reception.

Timing

The Economics Reception and Ceremony will follow the Kenan Ceremony. The Kenan Ceremony may be delayed (or shortened) by inclement weather, and the length of the Kenan Ceremony is beyond our control. Therefore, the Economics Reception will get underway as our guests arrive from Kenan Stadium, which will be 30 – 45 minutes after the Kenan Ceremony has concluded.

Our Graduation Ceremony will follow our Reception. After our guests have arrived and our Reception is well underway, we will get our graduates organized on the second floor of the Global Center so the Ceremony can begin. Graduates: Please listen for the announcement that it is time to report to the second floor.

If the Kenan Ceremony runs over or is delayed (or shortened) by inclement weather, we will adjust our timing accordingly.

Registration

If you will be attending, you should fill out the registration form at <http://econ.unc.edu/graduation>

Certificate

A personalized certificate of achievement will be given to each student. This is not confirmation of your Economics degree. Your official UNC diploma will be mailed to you by the Registrar's Office in August.

Deadline

Please register by Tuesday, April 25 at <http://econ.unc.edu/graduation>.

Directions

The last page of this document is a map that shows the locations of the Global Center and Kenan Stadium. The main entrance to the Global Center faces the intersection of McCauley and Pittsboro Streets. Please note that Pittsboro is a one-way street headed south and South Columbia is a one-way street headed north.

Parking

The underground parking deck (the McCauley Deck) of the FedEx Global Building is reserved for Economics Reception/Ceremony guests. There will be a monitor at the deck entrance from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Parking is free. The UNC Graduation Ceremony at Kenan Stadium starts early in the morning, and the Global Center is fairly close to Kenan Stadium. You can expect parking to fill up early.

If you decide to attend the Economics Department Reception/Ceremony, but not the Kenan Stadium Commencement Ceremony, it should be possible to park close to the Global Center by waiting for people to start leaving the Kenan Stadium Ceremony.

Disability Parking and Access

There is an elevator from the parking garage under the Global Center to the location of our ceremony. If you would like to drop off your guests and park elsewhere, there are no stairs between Pittsboro Street and the lobby of the Global Center where our ceremony will be held. Pittsboro Street is a one-way street headed south so, if you want to drop somebody off as close as possible, exiting your vehicle from the back seat and the driver's side is the safest way to make the drop off from the left-hand lane.

For those with a state-issued disability permit, parking is available on a first come, first served basis along South Road. For the UNC Kenan Commencement Ceremony please contact the Office of Disability Services. They have parking permits available for the main ceremony.

Tickets

No tickets are needed. We do need to have you register by Tuesday, April 25 at <http://econ.unc.edu/graduation>.

Graduates invited to participate

All August, December, and current May graduates (undergraduates) are invited to participate. Economics majors and second majors are included. No actual degrees are given out. This is a ceremonial recognition of your academic achievements. If you plan to finish your degree in the near future (Maymester or upcoming Summer School), and want to participate in this ceremony (instead of next May) you can. Just be sure to register!

Our Ph.D. degree candidates have a separate Hooding Ceremony.

Dress

This is a formal event, so proudly wear your academic regalia (cap, gown, honors cords).

Photography

We are NOT providing a professional photographer. You are welcome to have someone step forward to take a picture as you receive your certificate. Because getting a good photograph at that moment is very difficult, we will also offer a photo opportunity with one of the faculty after you have received your certificate. This latter photo opportunity should produce a better result because you will not be moving and your parents can take multiple pictures.

Seating

The main floor will have about 150 folding chairs in the front half. The rest of the atrium will be for standing room. We will have high attendance, over 1,000 guests. Please give priority to people who might really need to be seated for the ceremony. Since we will proceed in alphabetical order, you and your parents can anticipate when your turn will come. Please allow seating and space in front for people about to see their graduate's certification presentation.

Reception

The reception will begin immediately following the main ceremony as people arrive from Kenan Stadium. Carolina Dining Services will provide a delightful assortment of finger sandwiches, punch, water, and Tar Heel cookies.

What to expect at the ceremony

The ceremony will last approximately one hour. Each graduate will walk across the stage after his/her name is called. You will get a personalized certificate from the Chair of the Economics Department. At the conclusion of the presentations, we will be done!

Instructions for graduating students

The graduation ceremony will begin after our reception. You need to be in line alphabetically on the second floor of the Global Center before the ceremony can begin. If you registered for our ceremony, when you get in line you will receive a card with your name, phonetic pronunciation of your name and instructions. Do not lose this name card!! Keep it with you when you line up.

After a few introductory remarks, the graduates will begin to receive their certificates. The line will proceed from the second floor down the stairs and across the stage. Hand your name card to the marshal when you get to the bottom of the stairs. As your name is called, walk across the stage and get your certificate from the Economics Chair. Photographers are welcome to come near the stage to take pictures!

If you anticipate any difficulty descending the stairs, please notify Vicki Walker at 919-966-2534 in advance or notify one of the staff at the reception. We will provide an alternative path that does not involve any stairs.

Not Registered?

If you have not registered to attend this event, please see an Economics staff member (on the second floor where the students are lining up) and he or she will fill out a name card for you. Please show up early to get this done.

If you arrive late, you cannot get to the second floor using the main stairs. Please use the elevator or one of the other stairways.

Questions?

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