



# 2021 and 2020 Graduate Commencement FAQs

## GENERAL

**Where is Commencement being held?** At Lake Forest Graduate School 1905 W. Field Court Lake Forest.

**Will Commencement be indoors or outside? How do I plan for the weather?** The Commencement ceremony is held outdoors; we will get dressed and prepare inside. Weather permitting, graduates can take pictures outside around the campus with guests after commencement. Visit [The Weather Channel](#) for the latest forecast.

**What time does the Commencement begin?** The Commencement begins at 2p. Graduates will line up at 1:45p.

**How long is the ceremony?** Typically, it takes 2 – 2.5 hours to complete. The ceremony begins at 2p.

**Will the commencement be streamed?** Yes. More information to come.

**What is the agenda for the day?** High level is:

1. Arrive.
2. Check in.
3. Robe.
4. Announcements.
5. Line Up.
6. Commencement.
7. Celebrate!

**What is the attire for Commencement?** Business casual. You will be walking a lot; please wear business casual comfortable shoes.

**Is there a place I can store my purse or other personal effects during the Ceremony?** No. LFGSM cannot provide a secure storage room during the Ceremony. Please leave any valuables with one of your guests.

**How much is parking? Where should we park?** Parking is free. You and your guests will be directed to the appropriate parking lot. You can enter the front entrance to sign in and your guests can go directly to their outside bleacher seating.

## GRADUATES

**How do I register for commencement?** All eligible 2020 and 2021 graduates will receive a text invite early August 2021. Simply follow the instructions to RSVP and more.

**Why are we getting a text invite?** We are partnering with Full Measured Education. They will be assisting us with collecting information and providing the graduates information too. Text is a more convenient option that we feel the graduates will appreciate.

**What will Full Measured Education be doing?** Full Measured will be gathering graduate information and dispersing graduation event details to you via text. They also will be creating a personalized slide with your name, degree, honors status, a photo, diploma information, and a written quote from you (optional) that will be shown during the ceremony and live streamed of each graduate that is present.

**Will I be able to see my slide before it appears?** Full Measure Education doesn't have this as an option.

**How do I upload my picture?** Instructions are available in the text message you received. All graduate information is due by September 4, 2021. If you need further help, please contact [graduation@lfgsm.edu](mailto:graduation@lfgsm.edu).

**When is my information due?** All graduate information is due no later than September 4, 2021. Please see text message for instructions.

**What time do I need to be there?** All graduates need to be there by 130p, no later. We highly suggest arriving by 1p to get dressed with your cap and gown and make sure you are comfortable with the commencement logistics. Free headshot photos are available from 12:45p – 1:30p. Line up begins at 1:45p.

**How do I view the live ceremony?** The Commencement ceremony will be streamed live September 25, 2021 2p LFGSM will text you the link to the ceremony prior to the event. You can share this link with your friends and family. A copy of the ceremony can be viewed after October 1, 2021 and LFGSM will send you a link to view the ceremony again.

**What hashtags are we using for the ceremony?** #LFGSMClassof2020 OR #LFGSMClassof2021

**Will headshot photos be available?** Yes! Please arrive by 12:30p to partake in this free benefit.

**Can I take a photo with my family?** Absolutely. We will have photographers roaming the area for free family photos.

## **Regalia**

**How will I be able to order my regalia?** In the original text message, you will receive a link to order your regalia. Or you can go here: <https://lakeforest.shopoakhalli.com>

**Do I put on my regalia before I arrive?** That is up to you. There will be a place to put on regalia after you check in.

**How do I put on my regalia?** There will be staff onsite to help you get dressed.

## **Diploma Information**

**When will I get my diploma?** Diplomas are ordered three times a year: Fall - Winter 2 are ordered in early March; Spring 1 and 2 are ordered in early July; and Summer term graduates are ordered in late August. Diplomas will be mailed to the address on file.

**Can I pick my diploma up on graduation day?** No, you cannot pick up your diplomas on graduation day. They are shipped from a 3<sup>rd</sup> party provider and we are unable to make adjustments to this process.

**Where can I order graduation announcements or diploma frames?**

<http://www.withhonorsgrad.com/lake-forest-graduate-school-of-management.html> to place your orders.

**When will the degree be posted to my records (transcript)?** Your degree will be posted to your record one week after the term ends and all grades have been posted. At this time, the National Student Clearinghouse will be notified of your degree completion as well. You will be notified by the Registrar's Office with a note of congratulations and details regarding Commencement.

**Who qualifies for Honors at Graduation?** Academic honors will be conferred upon graduates with a grade point average of 3.95 or above. All graduates with academic honors will be recognized at the commencement ceremony. The grade point average of each student graduating in June each academic year will be computed at the end of the Spring 2 Term after all grades have been received.

## **GUESTS**

**How many guests can I bring?** You can bring 4 guests. If more tickets are needed, you can be placed on a waiting list.

**Do my guests need tickets?** Yes. **All GUESTS must have a ticket to enter.** All graduate candidates are **guaranteed 4 guest tickets.** **Small children may sit on a parent's lap.**

**What time should guests arrive?** Guests should arrive between 1:15p and 1:45p. Earlier if special parking or seating is needed.

**Where do guests park?** When they arrive on campus, there will be signs and people directing you.

**Where do guests go when they arrive?** Guests can go directly to their outside bleacher seats. All guests will be seated on 5-tier bleachers. Seats are first come first served..

**What if I or my guests need handicapped parking?** In one of the texts we send you, you will be able to request a handicapped parking space. We have plenty of handicapped parking. When arrive on campus, there will be signs and people directing you.

**I have guests with special needs who have difficulty sitting in chairs in rows. Is there any special seating available?** Yes. We have a limited amount of seating for people with special needs (e.g., wheel chair seating). This seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis. To reserve special seating, please respond to your invite or reminder text message or email us at [graduation@lfgsm.edu](mailto:graduation@lfgsm.edu)

**Are children allowed to attend the LFGSM Commencement Ceremony?** Small children may sit on a parent's lap. Please keep the enjoyment of others in mind. Strollers will **not** be allowed past the check-in point. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Questions?** Contact [Graduation@lfgsm.edu](mailto:Graduation@lfgsm.edu).