



COMMENCEMENT
PRELIMINARY
PLANNING GUIDE

Carnegie Mellon University

2012

INTRODUCTION

Congratulations to graduates of the classes of December 2011, May 2012 and August 2012!

In this guide you will find information to assist you with your plans for Carnegie Mellon University's 115th commencement. Please take note of the events we have planned for you throughout commencement weekend, May 19-20, 2012.

This guide contains preliminary information about the weekend, including a general schedule of events, ceremony details and hotel and travel information.

Be sure to visit our commencement website at **www.cmu.edu/commencement**. The site includes all the information found in this guide, as well as additional details about the weekend and department contact information. It will be updated throughout the year as new information is finalized and available.

Please bookmark and frequently refer to the website throughout the year for the most up-to-date schedule of events, details on weekend ceremonies and information on campus services.

We look forward to seeing you!

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



Saturday, May 19*

- 8 - 9 a.m.** **Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society Initiation Ceremony**
McConomy Auditorium, first floor, University Center
- Sponsors will send invitations directly to inductees.
 - An optional, complimentary breakfast will precede the ceremony at 7 a.m. in the Connan Room, first floor, University Center.
- 10 - 11 a.m.** **Honors Ceremonies**
Locations will be finalized in March.
- Invitations will be mailed to eligible students and their families in April.
 - See page 2 for details.
- Noon - 8:30 p.m.** **Diploma Ceremonies and Department Events**
Various locations and times
- See pages 2 and 3 for details and a schedule.
- 5 - 7 p.m.** **Carnegie Mellon Advising Resource Center (CMARC) Reception**
Singleton Room, Roberts Engineering Hall
- Sponsors will send invitations directly to invitees.
- 8 p.m.** **Doctor's Hooding Ceremony**
Wiegand Gymnasium, first floor, University Center

Sunday, May 20*

- 7:30 - 10 a.m.** **Diploma Ceremonies and Department Events**
Various locations and times
- See pages 2 and 3 for details and a schedule.
- 10:15 a.m.** **Procession of Graduates**
- Graduates will process from various locations across campus into Gesling Stadium.
 - Please be seated by this time.
- 11 a.m.** **Main Commencement Ceremony**
Gesling Stadium
- 12:30 - 7 p.m.** **Diploma Ceremonies and Department Events**
Various locations and times
- See pages 2 and 3 for details and a schedule.

*Please see the commencement website for the most up-to-date schedule of events.

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WEEKEND CEREMONIES

Main Ceremony

Sunday, May 20, 11 a.m.
Carnegie Mellon's Gesling Stadium

Addresses by the keynote speaker and the student speaker, as well as a charge to the graduates by the Carnegie Mellon University president, will highlight the ceremony.

- No tickets are required.
- The ceremony will last approximately 75 minutes.
- Graduates and ceremony participants will begin processing into the stadium at 10:15 a.m. Please be seated by this time.
- Seating is first come, first served.
- The ceremony will take place rain or shine. The stadium is not covered. Please plan your clothing and footwear accordingly. Please do not wear spiked heels in the stadium.
- In the case of rain, complimentary ponchos will be available and the ceremony may be shortened.
- The ceremony will also be simulcast in McConomy Auditorium, first floor, University Center. No tickets are required and seating is first come, first served.
- The ceremony will also be webcast on the commencement website.

Commencement Speakers

The student speaker and keynote speaker will be announced in May. Interested students can find application instructions on the commencement website.

Diploma Ceremonies

See page 3 for a preliminary schedule.

Graduates will receive their diplomas at their department or school's diploma ceremony. These ceremonies are more personalized for the graduate's department or school. They generally consist of a ceremony and reception.

- Some ceremonies require tickets; see page 3.
- Each ceremony will last approximately two hours, depending on the number of graduates.
- Some diploma ceremonies take place off campus. These are noted on page 3.
- Complimentary shuttle service between off-campus diploma ceremony locations and campus will be provided on **Sunday only**, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

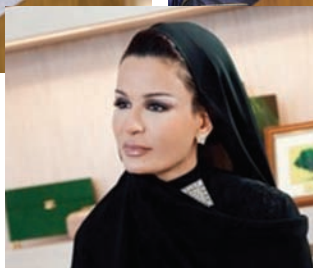
Honors Ceremonies

Saturday, May 19, 10 a.m.
Locations will be announced in March.

Students receiving college or university honors will be presented with their cords and medallions. These should be worn to the main commencement ceremony on Sunday.

- No tickets are required.
- Each ceremony will last approximately one hour.
- Students will be informed by their college if they are graduating with honors by April.

Please visit the commencement website for complete details on weekend ceremonies.



Past keynote speakers have included (top, left to right) Bill Cosby (comedian), Eric Schmidt (CEO of Google); (bottom, left to right) Al Gore (former vice president), Her Highness Sheikha Mozah bint Nasser al-Missned (Qatar Foundation for Education) and Aron Ralston (author and speaker).

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DIPLOMA CEREMONIES

Department Commencement Events

Below is a **PRELIMINARY** schedule of diploma ceremonies taking place over commencement weekend. This schedule is current as of December 1, 2011. A shuttle between off-campus diploma ceremony locations and campus will be provided on **Sunday only**, beginning at 12:30 p.m. As commencement draws near, it is possible that adjustments may be made to times and locations. Be sure to check the commencement website for the most up-to-date schedule.

UC = University Center

CFA = College of Fine Arts Building

Bachelor of Humanities & Arts/Bachelor of Science & Arts/ Bachelor of Computer Science & Arts

Sunday, May 20
Ceremony: 8:30 a.m.
Kresge Theater, CFA
Reception: 9:30 a.m.
Alumni Concert Hall, CFA

Biological Sciences

Saturday, May 19
Ceremony: 2 p.m.
Auditorium, Mellon Institute (off campus)
Reception: following ceremony
Social & Conference Rooms, Mellon Institute
4400 Forbes Avenue
Two tickets per student

Biomedical Engineering

Saturday, May 19
Ceremony: Noon
McConomy Auditorium, UC
Reception: 1 p.m.
Schatz Dining Room, UC

Business Administration (Bachelor's)

Sunday, May 20
Reception: 12:30 p.m.
Ceremony: 2 p.m.
Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall (off campus)
4141 Fifth Avenue

Business Administration (Master's & Doctor's)

Saturday, May 19
Ceremony: 2 p.m.
Reception: following ceremony
Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall (off campus)
4141 Fifth Avenue

Chemical Engineering

Sunday, May 20
Ceremony: 1 p.m.
Carnegie Lecture Hall, Carnegie Museum (off campus)
4400 Forbes Avenue
Reception: following ceremony
Phipps Conservatory (off campus)
1 Schenley Park
700 Frank Curto Drive

Chemistry

Sunday, May 20
Ceremony: 2 p.m.
Auditorium, Mellon Institute (off campus)
Reception: following ceremony
Social & Conference Rooms, Mellon Institute
4400 Forbes Avenue

Civil & Environmental Engineering

Sunday, May 20
Reception: 12:30 p.m.
Ceremony: 2 p.m.
Rooms 120 & 121, David Lawrence Hall, Univ. of Pittsburgh (off campus)
3942 Forbes Avenue

Economics

Sunday, May 20
Reception: 12:30 p.m.
Ceremony: 2 p.m.
Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall (off campus)
4141 Fifth Avenue

Electrical & Computer Engineering

Sunday, May 20
Ceremony: 12:30 p.m.
Reception: following ceremony
Wiegand Gymnasium, UC

Energy Science, Technology & Policy

Sunday, May 20
Ceremony & Reception: 8 a.m.
Singleton Room & Atrium, Roberts Engineering Hall

Engineering & Public Policy

Sunday, May 20
Ceremony & Reception: 8 a.m.
Rangos 2 and 3, UC
Six tickets per student

Engineering & Technology Innovation Management

Sunday, May 20
Ceremony & Reception: 8 a.m.
Rangos 2 and 3, UC
Six tickets per student

English

Saturday, May 19
Ceremony: 2:30 p.m.
McConomy Auditorium, UC
Reception: following ceremony
Schatz Dining Room, UC

Entertainment Technology Center

Sunday, May 20
Reception, followed by dinner: 4 p.m.
Ceremony: following dinner
East Club Lounge, Heinz Field (off campus)
100 Art Rooney Avenue
NOTE: Shuttle service not provided.

Heinz College

Saturday, May 19
Ceremony: 2 p.m.
Carnegie Music Hall, Carnegie Museum (off campus)
Reception: following ceremony
Carnegie Music Hall Foyer, Carnegie Museum
4400 Forbes Avenue

History

Sunday, May 20
Breakfast Reception: 7:30 a.m.
Ceremony: 8:30 a.m.
Gregg Hall/Porter Hall 100

Information Networking Institute

Sunday, May 20
Ceremony: 3 p.m.
Reception: 4 p.m.
Rodef Shalom Congregation (off campus)
4905 Fifth Avenue

Information Systems

Saturday, May 19
Ceremony: 6 p.m.
Philip Chosky Theater, Purnell Center
Reception: following ceremony
Lobby, Purnell Center
Seven tickets per student

Materials Science & Engineering

Sunday, May 20
Ceremony: 1 p.m.
Winchester Thurston School Auditorium (off campus)
Reception: following ceremony
Winchester Thurston School Cafeteria
555 Morewood Avenue

Mathematical Sciences

Sunday, May 20
Ceremony: 1 p.m.
McConomy Auditorium, UC
Reception: following ceremony
Perlis Atrium, Newell-Simon Hall

Mechanical Engineering

Saturday, May 19
Ceremony & Reception: 2 p.m.
Wiegand Gymnasium, UC

Modern Languages

Sunday, May 20
Ceremony: 8:30 a.m.
Rangos 1, UC
Reception: following ceremony
Skibo Coffeehouse, UC

Philosophy

Sunday, May 20
Breakfast Reception: 8 a.m.
Lower Level Coffee Lounge, Baker Hall
Ceremony: 9 a.m.
Giant Eagle Auditorium, Baker Hall

Physics

Sunday, May 20
Ceremony: 12:30 p.m.
Reception: following ceremony
Room 7500, Wean Hall

Product Development

Saturday, May 19
Ceremony: 10:30 a.m.
Reception: following ceremony
Singleton Room, Roberts Engineering Hall

Psychology

Sunday, May 20
Ceremony & Reception: 12:30 p.m.
Rangos Hall, UC

School of Architecture

Saturday, May 19
Ceremony: 2 p.m.
Philip Chosky Theater, Purnell Center
Reception: following ceremony
Great Hall, CFA

School of Art

Sunday, May 20
Reception: 12:30 p.m.
Regina Gouger Miller Gallery, Purnell Center
Ceremony: 2:30 p.m.
Philip Chosky Theater, Purnell Center

School of Computer Science

Sunday, May 20
Ceremony: 1 p.m.
Reception: following ceremony
Carnegie Music Hall, Carnegie Museum (off campus)
4400 Forbes Avenue

School of Design

Saturday, May 19
Ceremony & Reception: 3 p.m.
Rangos Hall, UC

School of Drama

Sunday, May 20
Ceremony: 12:30 p.m.
Philip Chosky Theater, Purnell Center
Reception: following ceremony
Lobby, Purnell Center

School of Music

Sunday, May 20
Ceremony: 12:30 p.m.
Kresge Theater, CFA
Reception: following ceremony
Alumni Concert Hall, CFA

Social & Decision Sciences

Sunday, May 20
Breakfast Reception: 7:30 a.m.
Schatz Dining Room, UC
Ceremony: 8:30 a.m.
McConomy Auditorium, UC

Statistics

Sunday, May 20
Ceremony: 12:30 p.m.
Giant Eagle Auditorium, Baker Hall
Reception: following ceremony
Lower Level Coffee Lounge, Baker Hall

Student-Defined Majors

Sunday, May 20
Reception: 8 a.m.
Ceremony: 8:30 a.m.
Adamson Wing/136A (upper level lobby), Baker Hall

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GENERAL INFORMATION

International Guests

- Proof of ties to the home country at the time of visa application at the U.S. Consulate abroad and/or the time of admittance to the U.S. may be necessary.
- Additional supporting evidence might include proof of the upcoming graduation via an Enrollment Verification Letter, which can be obtained from The HUB/Enrollment Services.
- International guests may also find it helpful to obtain a letter of invitation from their graduate if the graduate is providing financial support during the stay.
- Detailed information and advice for family members applying for a B-2 tourist visa can be found on the commencement website.

Special Needs

- Seating for guests with special needs will be available on the field in Gesling Stadium. No prior arrangements are necessary.
- A wheelchair accessible ramp is located at the stadium entrance closest to the University Center.
- Up to three guests are permitted to sit with a disabled guest in this section.
- A sign language interpreter will be positioned on a platform in front of this section.
- Those with difficulty walking may want to bring or rent a wheelchair for the weekend.

Wheelchair Rental

A limited number of wheelchairs and electric scooters will be available to rent on campus on **Sunday only**. To ensure availability, or to have the wheelchair delivered to your home or hotel, please call Pittsburgh Wheelchair Exchange at 412-241-5121 or visit www.pittsburghwheelchairexchange.com.

Travel

- Carnegie Mellon University is located 22 miles from the Pittsburgh International Airport.
- Transportation options from the airport include:
 - Port Authority Bus 28X (Airport Flyer) – The bus stops on campus. The trip takes approximately one hour. Call 412-442-2000 or visit www.portauthority.org for schedule and rate information.
 - Super Shuttle – Shuttle service is available between the airport and downtown and Oakland hotels. Call 412-322-8507 or visit www.supershuttle.com for schedule and rate information.
 - Cab – Taxis are available outside the airport. You can also call Classy Cab (412-322-5080) or Yellow Cab (412-321-8100) to make a reservation.

Parking

- Parking on campus is limited. Please plan to arrive early.
- All campus parking lots and garages will be open throughout the weekend. Please see the commencement website for parking lot and garage locations and rates.
- Wheelchair accessible parking is available in all parking lots and garages. No prior arrangements are necessary.



2012 ACCOMMODATIONS

- A special negotiated rate for guests of Carnegie Mellon's commencement is available at the hotels listed below.*
- **To receive the discounted rate listed, you must make reservations via telephone and mention that you are attending "Carnegie Mellon's commencement."**
- Room reservations must be made before the indicated cut-off date to receive the discounted rate. Rates do not include taxes or incidentals.
- For your convenience, a complete list of hotels in the Pittsburgh area, as well as the most up-to-date availability on the hotels below, is listed on the commencement website.

Courtyard by Marriott Shadyside

1.1 miles from campus
5308 Liberty Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15224
412-683-3113
Rate: \$189/night
Cut-off date: 4/20/12

Courtyard by Marriott Waterfront

4.6 miles from campus
401 West Homestead
Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15120
412-462-7301
Rate: \$199/night
Cut-off date: 4/20/12

Hampton Inn University Center

1.6 miles from campus
3315 Hamlet Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15213
412-681-1000
Rate: \$179/night
Cut-off date: 4/18/12

Holiday Inn Select University Center

1 mile from campus
100 Lytton Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15213
412-682-6200
Rate: \$169/night
Cut-off date: 4/26/12

Spring Hill Suites Pittsburgh Bakery Square

1.7 miles from campus
134 Bakery Square
Boulevard
Pittsburgh, PA 15206
412-362-8600
Rate: \$219/night
Cut-off date: 4/16/12

Wyndham Pittsburgh University Place

1 mile from campus
3454 Forbes Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15213
412-683-2040
Rate: \$195/night
Cut-off date: 4/18/12

*This list is provided for your convenience only. It is not a complete list of providers and the providers on it are not associated with or endorsed by Carnegie Mellon. Although the university may have arranged for the providers to hold a minimal number of rooms, we cannot guarantee availability or any final pricing. All arrangements are between the individual and the provider. The university cannot be held responsible for any unavailability, charges or hotel responsibilities.

Commencement Announcements

Graduating students may order commencement announcements at www.balfour.com or 1-877-225-3687. Allow 3 weeks for delivery of personalized announcements. Questions? Contact The University Store at 412-268-1032.



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