

# SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

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## Graduate Commencement Ceremony

### A GUIDE FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

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JOHN LYMAN CENTER  
FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS  
THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2012

The University will hold two commencement ceremonies for students receiving Master's Degrees, Sixth Year Professional Diplomas, and Doctoral Degrees. Both ceremonies will be held on Thursday, May 17, 2012, in the John Lyman Center at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Check the list on the next page to determine according to your major the ceremony you should attend.

#### WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2011 GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT?

- Students who completed their degree or diploma requirements at the end of the 2011 fall semester.
- Students who will complete their degree requirements in May 2012 and August 2012. (Students who indicate to us that they will graduate in May 2012, but who do not complete every requirement for a degree by May, will have their names removed from the May candidacy graduation list by the Registrar. Those students must file a new application for the degree for August with the Registrar, but they may still participate in the May 2012 Commencement.)

#### YOU MUST REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT

- Seating for your guests is limited in the Lyman Center. Only those who register for the Commencement will receive tickets for their guests. The number of guest tickets will be determined by the number of students who plan to attend. It is expected that each participant will receive a minimum of two tickets. Tickets will be distributed starting April 23 at the Graduate Office only to those who have registered for the Commencement and have been cleared by the Registrar.

#### ORDERING YOUR ACADEMIC REGALIA TO PARTICIPATE

Candidates for Graduate Degrees and Sixth Year Diplomas must wear appropriate academic regalia (Master's and Doctoral Degrees: cap, tassel, gown, and hood; Sixth Year Diplomas: gown, cap, tassel, hood, and stole) that can be purchased through the Campus Bookstore, located in the new Adanti Student Center, from **April 23 through May 16**, the day before Commencement. Sixth Year Diploma candidates may wear the master's level academic regalia they wore at previous graduate level commencements, but they still will need to purchase the special Sixth Year Diploma stole. *Students who are not attired in the appropriate academic regalia will not be allowed to participate in the Commencement.*

Academic regalia must be purchased **before** the day of Commencement. Regalia will not be available for purchase the day of Commencement. **The bookstore phone number is (203) 392-5270.**

## **WHICH CEREMONY SHOULD YOU ATTEND?**

Specific majors will be recognized at only one of the two ceremonies. Therefore, you must attend the ceremony at which your major will be recognized.

### ***AFTERNOON CEREMONY***

#### **School of Arts and Sciences**

Art Education	History
Bilingual Education	Mathematics
Biology	Political Science
Chemistry	Psychology
Computer Science	Science Education
English	Sociology
Environmental Education	Urban Studies
Foreign Languages	Women's Studies

#### **School of Business**

Business Administration

#### **School of Health & Human Services**

Communication Disorders	Public Health
Marriage and Family Therapy	Recreation & Leisure
Nursing	Social Work

### ***EVENING CEREMONY***

#### **School of Education**

Classroom Specialist  
Counseling  
Educational Foundations  
Educational Leadership  
Elementary Education  
Exercise Science  
Information & Library Science  
Reading  
Research, Statistics, and Measurement  
School Health Education  
School Psychology  
Special Education

## **ACADEMIC PROCESSION FOR AFTERNOON AND EVENING CEREMONIES**

- The afternoon Commencement procession will begin promptly at 2 p.m. Therefore, you must report by 12:30 p.m. in Engleman Hall to line up according to your program (i.e. MA in English, MFA in Creative Writing, etc.).
- The evening Commencement procession will begin promptly at 7 p.m. Therefore, you must report by 5:30 p.m. in Engleman Hall to line up according to your program (i.e. SYC in Educational Leadership, MS in Special Education, etc.).

Master's and Doctoral Degree candidates wear their caps, tassels, and gowns in the procession, but carry their hoods over their right arm for the procession. The hood will be invested on you when you are called on stage during the ceremony.

Sixth Year Diploma candidates wear their caps, tassels, gowns, and hoods in the procession, but carry their stoles over their right arm for the procession. The stole will be invested on you when you are called on stage during the ceremony.

## **SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

The University will provide special services for persons with disabilities. These services include interpreters and large-type printed materials. A limited number of accessible wheelchair locations in Lyman is available. Please call (203) 392-6828 (Voice) or (203) 392-6131 (TDD) before April 30, 2012, if you wish to use any of these services. Also, persons with State handicapped parking stickers on their cars may use the faculty/staff lot behind the Lyman Center.

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