

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR GRADUATION

Summer Ceremony (all Colleges) • July 31, 2021 • 9:00 AM • Carter Gymnasium

Eligibility

If you have questions about your eligibility to graduate, **REVIEW YOUR DEGREE WORKS PLAN OF STUDY AND CONSULT WITH YOUR ADVISOR.**

Ceremony

- Report to the Sandridge Student Center Ballroom at 8:00 a.m. for line-up and instructions.
- Tickets are NOT required for the ceremony, and there is NO LIMIT to the number of guests invited.
- Temperatures will be taken at the door for all graduates and guests.
- Graduation supplies are available at the University Bookstore up until the day of graduation, and can be purchased:
 - Online: <https://www.bkstr.com/athensstatestore/shop/graduation>
 - At the University Bookstore
 - The prices (not including tax) are listed below:

▪ Undergraduate	cap/gown/tassel	\$43.75
▪ Masters	cap/gown/tassel/hood	\$84.75
▪ Tassel	Souvenir Tassel	\$5.75
▪ *Honors Medallions		\$20.00

Dress:

- Men – wear a collared shirt, slacks and comfortable shoes
- Women – wear slacks, dresses/skirts and comfortable, **low-heeled shoes***
**recently, we have had instances in which graduates have fallen due to the style and height of their footwear*

*Honors

To be eligible for a degree with honors, a student must have completed at least 45 undergraduate semester hours at the University.

- Degrees with honor are based on performance in all undergraduate academic work completed at Athens State University, with the exception of any coursework excluded by course forgiveness or academic bankruptcy.
- The following honors may be awarded to undergraduate students:
 - Institutional GPA of 3.9 - 4.0 *Summa Cum Laude* (gold medallion)
 - Institutional GPA of 3.70 - 3.89 *Magna Cum Laude* (silver medallion)
 - Institutional GPA of 3.50 -3.69 *Cum Laude* (bronze medallion)
- Since all grades for the final semester may not be available in time for commencement ceremonies and printing of commencement programs, degree with honor designations for a commencement ceremony are unofficial.

- Final academic honor designations are determined after grades for the final semester have been posted. Final, official honor designations will be reflected on the Athens State transcript and on the Athens State diploma.
- **PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR (STUDENT RECORDS) WITH ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING GPA OR HONORS: registrar@athens.edu or 256-233-8131.**

Diplomas and Transcripts

- Diplomas will be mailed to **all** graduates by August 16, 2021. None will be given at the ceremony.
- Transcripts
 - should be used to provide employers with proof of graduation.
 - graduation information should be posted on the transcripts by the Records Office a day or two after grades are due (July 28).
 - If you need a transcript, please complete the Transfer Request Form located in the following link: <http://www.athens.edu/student-records/transcript-requests/>, or contact the **Office of the Registrar (Student Records)**:

256-233-8131
registrar@athens.edu

Questions:

For questions about the ceremony, contact the **Office of Academic Affairs:**

256-233-8214
robin.moore@athens.edu
molly.myhan@athens.edu

- Graduates who need special accommodations for the ceremony should contact the Office of Academic Affairs before July 16, 2021. If one of your guests needs special accommodations, you should also contact the Office of Academic Affairs.

Exit Counseling:

*To graduates who had a student loan while attending Athens State University, the Financial Aid Office would like to remind you that the Federal Government requires you to complete **exit counseling** at Studentloans.gov.*

University Bookstore:

UNIVERSITY BOOKSTORE

On the campus of Athens State University – Student Center

Phone: 256-233-8249
 Email: <https://www.bkstr.com/athensstatestore/shop/graduation>

Graduation Hours

MON - FRI	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
SAT - SUN	8:00 AM – 12:00 PM
SUN	CLOSED

Photographs:

Village Photographers is pleased to be the official graduation photographer for your school. Village Photographers will take professional pictures of each and every graduate as they receive their diplomas and exit the stage at the graduation ceremony.

There is **no charge** for this service and there is **no obligation** to order.

Free proofs will be sent by mail and e-mail about a week after the ceremony.

To ensure that Village Photographers has the correct address information, please provide your contact information to Village Photographers. You may sign up on-line or contact us by phone or e-mail. Multiple e-mail and mailing addresses may be registered online to allow family and friends to receive a paper proof in the mail and an e-mail with a direct link to the graduate's photos.



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