

College of Arts & Sciences • Fall Ceremony • December 4, 2021 • 3:00 pm • Carter Physical Education Bldg. (Gym)

**\*includes students seeking secondary education certification**

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### 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 2:00 p.m. for line-up and instructions. You will have your temperature screened before entering the Ballroom.
- Tickets are not required for the ceremony, and there is no limit to the number of guests invited.
- Masks are optional.
- Guests will have their temperature screened before entering Carter Gymnasium.
- Graduation supplies are available at the University Bookstore, and can be purchased anytime between now and December 4, 2021.
  - The prices (not including tax) are listed below:

▪ Undergraduate	cap/gown/tassel	\$43.75
▪ Masters	cap/gown/tassel/hood	\$84.75

### 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.
- Honors medallions are available in the University Bookstore for purchase, and online: <https://www.bkstr.com/athensstatestore/shop/graduation> The cost is \$20 (tax not included).

- PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR (STUDENT RECORDS) WITH ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING GPA OR HONORS: [registrar@athens.edu](mailto:registrar@athens.edu) or 256-233-8131.

### **Diplomas and Transcripts**

- Diplomas will be mailed to **all** graduates by January 15, 2022. 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 (December 7, 2021).
  - 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](mailto:registrar@athens.edu)

### **Questions:**

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

256-233-8214  
[robin.moore@athens.edu](mailto:robin.moore@athens.edu)  
[molly.myhan@athens.edu](mailto:molly.myhan@athens.edu)

Graduates who need special accommodations for the ceremony should contact the Office of Academic Affairs before November 19, 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  
Sandridge Student Center  
  
Phone: 256-233-8249  
Email: [bookstore@athens.edu](mailto:bookstore@athens.edu)  
  
**Regular Business Hours**  
MON – THUR      10 AM – 4 PM  
FRI – SUN      CLOSED  
  
**Hours for Graduation**  
**Friday before Graduation   10 AM – 4 PM**

## 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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Office hours: Monday-Friday - 10 AM-5 PM Central Time



## Ceremony Live stream/Video

For those who aren't able to attend, we will be streaming the live event. Links will be made available through the [Athens State University website](http://www.athens.edu) and social media accounts. In the event that the gymnasium reaches capacity, there will be a venue for watching the livestream in McCandless Hall, Griffin Theatre.

## Ceremony Video

All Graduation participants will be provided with a DVD of the ceremony.

## Maps

<https://www.athens.edu/about/campus/maps-and-directions/google-map/>

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