

College of Arts & Sciences (including secondary education certification) • December 5, 2026 • 9:00 a.m.
Lindsay Lane Baptist Church • 1300 Lindsay Ln S. Athens, AL 35613

GRADUATION ELIGIBILITY

- If you have questions about whether you are eligible to graduate, review your Degree Works Plan of Study and consult your advisor.

CEREMONY INFORMATION

- Arrival Time: Report to Lindsay Lane Baptist Church, Educational Building A, at 7:30 a.m.
- Rehearsal: There will not be a ceremony rehearsal.
- Parking: Enter through the parking lot entrance marked "Graduate Entrance and Parking."

TICKETS

- Tickets are required for the ceremony.
Due to limited seating, each graduate participating in the ceremony will be able to order up to **SIX** tickets.
- The link to reserve tickets will be provided via your @athens.edu email account. The ticket link will be made live after November 20, 2026.
- If additional tickets are needed, graduates may wish to contact fellow graduates to inquire about any unused tickets that may be available.
- Guests without tickets will not be admitted.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Flowers will be available for purchase while supplies last.
- Balloons **are not permitted** in the church sanctuary.
- Food and beverages **are not permitted** in the church sanctuary.

GRADUATION SUPPLIES

(may be purchased online or in person)

Online Cap & Gown Ordering Deadline - colleges.herffiones.com/college/athensstate

- Deadline to order is **Friday, October 23, 2026, at 10:59 PM CST.**
- At **11:00 PM CST**, the site will close for standard orders and reopen for late orders.

Late Orders with Rush Shipping

- Order between **October 24, 2026, and Friday, November 13, 2026, at 10:59 PM CST.**
- Rush Shipping Fee – \$24.30
- Due to the production of the **new custom regalia** and the time required to build inventory, orders are projected to begin shipping **at the end of October through the first week of November.** If ahead of schedule, they will begin shipping sooner.

In-Person Order

- Purchase in person at the Pillar and Paw Spirit Store, located on the second floor of the Sandridge Student Center.
- No ordering deadline for in-person purchases.
- Basic prices (not including tax) are:
 - Undergraduate
 - Cap – \$7
 - Tassel - \$7
 - Gown - \$38
 - Masters
 - Cap - \$7
 - Tassel - \$7
 - Gown - \$47
 - Hood - \$44
- Pillar and Paw will have caps and gowns available at Lindsay Lane on December 5th.

APPROPRIATE DRESS

Commencement is a formal academic event. Graduates should wear at least business casual attire, such as collared shirts, slacks, dresses, or skirts, along with comfortable walking shoes.

Be prepared to walk from Educational Building A to the church building. Depending on weather conditions, **this could involve a series of stairs.**

The University recognizes the significance of academic achievement as well as the value of service in university-recognized clubs and organizations. Students are encouraged to demonstrate these achievements by wearing official honor cords and stoles that represent them.

Caps may be tastefully decorated, but no decorations may hang from the mortarboard.

HONORS

Graduate Degrees: Honors do not apply to graduate degrees.

Undergraduate Degrees

To be eligible for a degree with honors, a student must have completed at least 31 undergraduate **semester hours at the** University, not including 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, degrees 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 diploma.
- Honors medallions are available for purchase in the Pillar & Paw Spirit Store, on the second floor of Sandridge Student Center. They will also be available at Lindsay Lane Baptist Church on the day of Commencement. 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 or 256-233-8131.**

DIPLOMAS AND TRANSCRIPTS

- Diplomas

No diplomas will be given at the ceremony.

Diplomas will be sent electronically and mailed to **all** graduates by January 15, 2027.

- 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 8, 2026).
 - 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)** at 256-233-8131 or registrar@athens.edu

QUESTIONS

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

256-233-8103
molly.myhan@athens.edu

256-233-8108
holly.hicks@athens.edu

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Graduates and/or their guests, who need special accommodation for the ceremony should contact the Office of Academic Affairs **no later than November 20, 2026**.

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

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On the campus of Athens State University
2ND floor of Sandridge Student Center

Phone: 256-233-8247

Email: pillerandpaw@athens.edu

Regular Business Hours

MON – FRI 7:30 AM – 4:30 PM
SAT – SUN CLOSED

Hours for Graduation

MON -THUR 7:30 AM – 6 PM
FRI 7:30 AM – 4:30 PM
GRADUATION DAY 7AM – TBD



PHOTOGRAPHS

The Grad Team is pleased to be the exclusive graduation photographer for your school. The Grad Team photographers will take professional pictures of each and every graduate as they receive their diploma and exit the stage at the graduation ceremony. **There is no charge for this service and there is no obligation to order.**

Take advantage of Selfie Signup for faster photo delivery:

[Selfie Signup for Graduation Photos – The Grad Team](#)

Customer Service number: 800-482-0321.

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](#) and social media accounts.

MAPS

https://www.google.com/maps/place/Lindsay+Lane+Baptist+Church/@34.787918,-86.9334502,681m/data=!3m1!1e3!4m6!3m5!1s0x88628af08b3e21cd:0xb45dd0a3dc9ee0c3!8m2!3d34.7877714!4d-86.9312018!16s%2Fg%2F1tsjfcg2?entry=ttu&_ep=EgoyMDI1MDgxOS4wIKXMDSOASAFAw%3D%3D