

Commencement Information



March 2009

2009 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY: This year UIS will hold its commencement ceremony at the Prairie Capital Convention Center (located in downtown Springfield) on Saturday, May 16, 2009. The ceremony will begin at 2:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m. CEREMONY

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES

Art	Individual Option
Biology	Liberal Studies
Chemistry	Mathematical Sciences
Clinical Lab Science	Philosophy
Communication	Psychology
Computer Science	Sociology/ Anthropology
English	
History	

COLLEGE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS & ADMINISTRATION

Criminal Justice
Environmental Sciences
Environmental Studies
Legal Studies
Political Studies
Public Administration
Public Affairs Reporting
Public Health

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & HUMAN SERVICES

Educational Leadership
Human Development Counseling
Human Services
Social Work
Teacher Leadership

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS & MANAGEMENT

Accountancy
Business Administration
Economics
Management
Management Information Systems

CAPS AND GOWNS: You must purchase your cap and gown at the Graduate Salute in the UIS Bookstore (located on the first floor of Founders Hall), March 26 - 28. Peoria students may purchase their caps and gowns through the UIS Peoria Center Office at Illinois Central College. Please review the details of this event on the enclosed flyer from Jostens. The cap and gown prices are as follows:

Bachelor Unit*	\$29.00 plus tax
Master Unit* & Hood	\$66.00 plus tax
Doctoral Unit* & Hood	\$80.00 plus tax

* Units include cap, gown, and tassel. These items need not be returned after the ceremony. In addition, master and doctoral hoods are yours to keep.

CAPS AND GOWNS – CONTINUED:

Dates and times of the “Graduate Salute” are as follows:

Thursday, March 26	11 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Friday, March 27	10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Saturday, March 28	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Without your cap and gown purchase, we will not know of your intent to participate. Therefore, you MUST purchase your cap and gown during Graduate Salute (please see exceptions below).

1. If you are a distance learner or are unable to come to campus during the Graduate Salute, you can call the Bookstore on March 26, 27, or 28 (the days of our Graduate Salute) at (217) 206-6766 and order your cap and gown directly from them. They will need your name, UIN (University Identification Number), height, weight, and (if you are a master’s student) what degree you will be earning. They will UPS Ground your regalia to you for an additional charge of \$6.95 for bachelor units, \$8.95 for master units, and \$9.95 for doctoral units. *
2. If you are making special cap and gown arrangements (e.g. borrowing a cap and gown from a friend), you MUST contact JoAnn Mumaw by calling (217) 206-7730. *

* The final day to purchase a cap and gown from the Bookstore or to make special cap and gown arrangements will be April 10 (please note that a \$25.00 late fee will be assessed to all students who order their cap and gown after Graduate Salute).

CEREMONY GUEST TICKETS/WEBCAST: Tickets will not be required for admission into the ceremony. The doors will open to the main floor of The Center at 1 p.m. and seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Please note that a webcast will also be available on UIS’ website at www.uis.edu (the exact time of the webcast will be announced in a subsequent letter sent to participants).

COMMENCEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS: The UIS Bookstore will have general announcements available for purchase in packages of five.

DVDs/VIDEOTAPES: A videotape or DVD of the commencement ceremony will be available for \$25. Payment should be made at the Bursar’s Office. This cost includes postage in the continental United States. The form to purchase DVDs/videotapes is available on the web (www.uis.edu/commencement). Questions should be addressed to the Office of Electronic Media (217/206-6799).

GRADUATE PHOTOGRAPHS: A professional photographer will record the moment graduates are given their diploma cover by the Chancellor during the ceremony. The full-color proofs of these photos and instructions for ordering will be mailed to graduates shortly after commencement. The photographer will also be available for portraits after the ceremony.

SPECIAL EVENTS: Numerous events are being planned to help graduates celebrate. Special events will be scheduled for certain groups, colleges and/or departments. Please be sure to check our website (www.uis.edu/commencement) for more information.

SPECIAL NEEDS/ARRANGEMENTS: **Graduates** who have need of accommodations due to a disability should contact JoAnn Mumaw at (217) 206-7730. **Guests** who have need of accommodations due to a disability should contact Wendy Summers by phone at (217) 206-8289.

STUDENT SPEAKER AUDITIONS: Our student commencement speaker is an important tradition at UIS. Auditions for students wishing to speak at commencement were held on Monday, March 9, 2009. Representatives of the faculty and the student body selected one student speaker.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL US:

Caps, Gowns & Graduation Announcements	Bookstore, (217) 206-6766 or Peoria Center, (309) 694-5546
Ceremony Information	Brian Clevenger, (217) 206-6174
DVD/Videotape Information	Office of Electronic Media, (217) 206-6799
Eligibility to Graduate	JoAnn Mumaw, (217) 206-7730
Special Arrangements (Guests)	Wendy Summers, (217) 206-8289
Special Arrangements (Students)	JoAnn Mumaw, (217) 206-7730
Student Speaker Information	Brian Clevenger, (217) 206-6174

Commencement participants will receive an additional letter with all finalized information a few weeks before commencement. The letter will address all issues and questions concerning commencement day. For the latest information, please visit the commencement website at www.uis.edu/commencement.

C: Departments/Programs