

# College of Social Work Graduation Information 2022

## Please note:

1. All commencement and convocation details are subject to change—keep up with changes through messages from academic advisors and on the College's convocation webpages.
2. This information sheet will be updated and resent as new information becomes available and details are finalized.

## CSW Family and Friend Graduation Celebration

- The College will not hold a Family and Friend Graduation Celebration this year, due to the continued pandemic.

## University Commencement

- The General University Commencement will be on **Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6:00 PM** at the Jon M. Huntsman Center (1825 S Campus Dr, Salt Lake City, UT 84112).
- Please visit the University of Utah's [Commencement web page](#) for updates.

## College of Social Work Convocation

- **Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6 PM** at Kingsbury Hall (1395 Presidents' Circle, Salt Lake City, UT 84112).
- **In Preparation:**
  - **RSVP & Tickets:** All guests, including babes in arms, will be required to have a physical ticket to enter Kingsbury Hall for the convocation ceremony. Graduates must have completed the Convocation RSVP & Ticket Form to secure tickets for their guests—**if you did not complete the form by April 3<sup>rd</sup>, please email [swgraduation@lists.utah.edu](mailto:swgraduation@lists.utah.edu) ASAP.** Please note:
    - Graduates will no longer be required to have a physical ticket. Only guests need tickets to enter the theater.
    - Graduates will receive a limited amount of tickets for their guests. If you completed the Ticket Form and requested 4 or fewer tickets, you will receive the number of tickets you requested. If you requested 5 or more tickets, you will receive 5 tickets. If you did not complete the form, we cannot guarantee you will receive any tickets, but please email the Graduation Coordinators as requested above.
      - Overflow seating with a livestream of the convocation will be available in Libby Gardner Hall, which is adjacent to Kingsbury Hall. If you do not have tickets for all of your guests to enter Kingsbury Hall, they can watch from next door and meet up with you following the event.
    - Graduates that completed the Ticket Form will be able to collect their physical tickets during specific ticket distribution times. Only the graduate is able to collect their tickets and they must have a photo ID present at the time of pickup and the graduate will be responsible for giving their tickets to their chosen guests. Please review the distribution times shared by the academic advisors.
      - Graduates unable to collect their tickets in person due to extenuating circumstances or their location (e.g. St. George Cohort, Distance Ed., Online Program), can contact the Graduation Coordinator by April 15<sup>th</sup> to arrange mail delivery of their tickets.
    - Graduates will be able to request special accommodations for themselves or their guests. This can include, but is not limited to: wheelchair seating, ASL interpreters, limited mobility with walkers, canes, etc. or anything that may require special arrangements. Requests can be sent to the Graduation Coordinator ([swgraduation@lists.utah.edu](mailto:swgraduation@lists.utah.edu)). Please confirm the accommodations with the Graduation Coordinators at the time of ticket pick up.
  - **Regalia:** CSW graduates can visit the Campus Store to purchase a black gown and a black cap with a light yellow/maize tassel, MSW hoods (light yellow/maize trim), and PhD hoods, and special caps and gowns may be available if desired. More information can be found on the [Campus Store's Website](#). Questions about purchasing regalia may be directed to Abby Hirshberg ([ahirshberg@campusstore.utah.edu](mailto:ahirshberg@campusstore.utah.edu), 801-581-4733). There may be regalia rentals available for a few CSW students; contact the Graduation Coordinators for more information about renting regalia.

- **Day Of:**

- **Bring:** You must bring your completed reader card, which you will pick up with your ticket during specific ticket distribution times. The reader card will ensure that your name is read properly as you walk, and help the photographers match photos to graduates. Please be sure your guests bring their hard copy tickets.
- **Wear:** Arrive in your cap and gown, with the tassel to the right. Depending on COVID-19 protocols at the time of the event, you will most likely be required to wear a face mask to enter the venue.
- **Arrive:** Please plan to arrive at the Park Building by 5:00 p.m. Once all graduates have arrived, a large group photo will be taken on the steps of the Park Building, and then students will be guided into lines by order of program.
- **Ceremony:** The processional from the Park Building to Kingsbury Hall will begin promptly at 5:55 p.m. Faculty and staff members will be present to help coordinate the processional. All graduates will remain standing during the processional and may sit when the Dean instructs you to do so. During the ceremony, you will be directed to the stage where the reader is seated, and hand over the reader card. After your name is read, you will walk across the stage, receive your diploma, proceed backstage for a green screen photo, and return to your seat. Please be sure to follow directions from event volunteers. PhD students will sit and be hooded on stage. After the ceremony, the Dean will ask graduates to rise and exit the hall in the same order as they entered. Guests may meet you outside the building after the program.

- **Parking:**

- Free parking will be available for graduates and guests all around campus, and particularly in the Merrill Engineering parking lot, where a shuttle will pick up guests and drop them off at Kingsbury Hall. Due to convocations and other events taking place at the University, there may be traffic and detours on campus. Please review the parking and detour maps below, and ensure that you and your guests plan accordingly.

- **Photos:**

- Island Photography will photograph the official awarding of diplomas, as well as a single picture of each graduate. You will receive a free color proof with the option of more copies for purchase. Do not wear green under your gown as a green screen is used for the photos.

- **Web Live Stream:**

- Visit the [CSW Graduation webpage](#) for the URL to watch the live CSW Convocation.

## **Questions?**

For questions about the ceremony, please contact the CSW Graduation Coordinators:

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For questions about program-specific graduation requirements and procedures, please contact CSW staff:

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**Again—many details of this event are subject to change. Any updates will be shared by academic advisors, and on the College’s webpages. Please keep an eye out for messages regarding important deadlines, updates, and details for convocation.**





