



# OneMIT Commencement Ceremony

Thursday, May 30, 2024 | 3 pm | Killian Court  
Instructions for graduates



## Before May 30

- Pick up your [regalia](#)
- Obtain your [personal and guest tickets](#)
- Review arrival information for grads and guests
- Point out ceremony venues on the [campus map](#) and talk with your guests about getting to and around MIT (see [shuttle info](#)), [security](#), your plan for the day, and staying in touch with updates

## Regalia

Academic regalia is required for participating graduates. If you ordered regalia via the MIT Atlas app, you may now pick it up in [Lobby 13 \(13-1143\)](#) using your MIT ID (either physical or mobile). If a representative is picking up your pre-reserved regalia, please provide them with your MIT ID. For returns of rented Doctoral regalia, see the [Commencement website](#).

Regalia may be picked up in Lobby 13 during the following times:

- May 21–22: noon to 5 pm
- May 23–24: 9 am to 5 pm
- May 28: 9 am to 5 pm
- May 29: 8 am to 7 pm
- May 30: 9 am to 3 pm

## Tickets

Participating graduates may obtain OneMIT Ceremony tickets using the desktop or mobile version of the MIT Atlas app. Once in the MIT Atlas app, click on the Commencement tile then tap “Add tickets” for the OneMIT Ceremony and you will be presented with the option to claim up to four (4) guest tickets. Before obtaining your electronic tickets, *make sure you have the latest version of the MIT Atlas app installed on your desktop or mobile device*. The [MIT App Store](#) has links to download or update the app from the Apple, Google, and Windows app stores.

→ **Graduates NEED a personal ticket to enter Killian Court.** Your personal ticket will be automatically generated for you by the MIT Atlas app.

Other things to note:

- Remember to forward electronic tickets to your guests. If your guest loses the email, you may always return to the MIT Atlas app to forward the same tickets again.
- Tickets will be scanned on arrival. Attendees may present the electronic ticket or a printed PDF.
- Tickets are transferable: if you have an extra ticket, you may share it with a friend.
- Tickets are required for attendees three (3) years of age and older. Babies and children ages two (2) years and younger do not need tickets.
- If you are on the degree list and participating, you will get your tickets. Do not worry about tickets “selling out.”
- General queries about tickets may be directed to [commencement@mit.edu](mailto:commencement@mit.edu). Questions about the MIT Atlas app should be directed to [atlas-app@mit.edu](mailto:atlas-app@mit.edu).

→ Tickets for MIT Commencement ceremonies may not be bought or sold under any circumstances.

## Photos

[GradImages](#) will photograph each graduate at the undergraduate and advanced degree ceremonies while they cross the stage and again as they return to their seat. PhDs will also be photographed receiving their Doctoral hood, in addition to the other two images. Visit the [GradImages website](#) to view and purchase custom photo products like prints, plaques, specialty gifts, and more. You may [pre-register for your graduation pictures](#) and receive 20% off on orders of \$50 or more until the day before your individual ceremony. If you have any questions regarding photos, please contact GradImages Customer Service at (800) 261-2576, [online](#), or email [ecc.giservice@gradimages.net](mailto:ecc.giservice@gradimages.net).

*MIT Sloan advanced degree candidates: please consult your program managers for details on ordering photos from your ceremonies.*

## In-person diploma distribution schedule

- Undergraduates will receive their diplomas at the undergraduate ceremony on Friday, May 31.
- Sloan advanced degree recipients will receive their diplomas at their ceremonies.
- All other advanced degree recipients may pick up their diplomas by bringing their MIT ID to the [Stata Center](#), room 32-124, during the following times:
  - Thursday, May 30: 10 am to 6 pm
  - Friday, May 31: 10 am to 3 pm

## Digital diplomas

All graduating students are eligible to receive a [digital version of their diploma](#) at no cost. Watch for an email from the Registrar's Office inviting you to download the Blockcerts Wallet app on your mobile device and add MIT as an issuer. You must complete these steps before Thursday, May 30 to ensure that you receive your digital diploma for Commencement.

Note: *digital diplomas are not a replacement for MIT's traditional paper diploma*. Everyone will also receive a physical diploma.

## Arrival for OneMIT Ceremony on Thursday, May 30

- Killian Court doors open for graduates and their guests at 1:30 pm. Please plan to arrive no later than 2 pm to allow time to get through security and take your seat by 2:15 pm.
- Please approach Killian Court from Memorial Drive: the doors from the Main Group will be locked. You may arrive with or without your guests.
- Graduates and guests will present tickets and pass through metal detectors. Please be sure to share this information with your guests ahead of time so everyone knows what to expect.
- You do not need to check in or give your name on arrival: you need only have your ticket scanned and take your seat.
- Graduates will be seated in the sections in front of the stage. **Please take your seat by 2:15 pm.**
- Graduate seating is unassigned: you may sit with friends!

### What to bring

At the OneMIT Ceremony, graduates need **only an electronic ticket, MIT ID, and regalia**. A bottle of water will be under your chair in Killian Court.

### What NOT to bring

The following items are not permitted in Killian Court: glass containers of any type, backpacks, poles and sticks (including selfie sticks), noisemakers, balloons, and drones of any size. Remember to share and review [all security information](#) with your guests.

### After the ceremony

Immediately following the OneMIT Ceremony, all graduates and guests are invited to adjourn for refreshments.

➤ **Undergraduates** and guests proceed to [Hockfield Court](#).

➤ **Advanced degree recipients** and guests proceed to the [Johnson Athletics Center](#) and [Kresge Oval](#).

### Special notes

- **The OneMIT Ceremony will take place outdoors rain or shine**, so graduates and guests should dress for the weather. A rainy day can be cold and uncomfortable: in the event of inclement weather, we recommend that guests remain indoors and watch the [webcast](#).
- If it is raining on the day of the OneMIT Ceremony, we recommend **keeping your regalia wrapped and dry until you arrive at Killian Court**. Ponchos will be available at the entrance tent: you should wear one under your regalia. This is easier to accomplish if your regalia is clean and dry to start.
- Please direct your attention to the stage—and not to your phone—during the ceremony.
- Bachelor of Science degree recipients wear the tassel on the right side, and upon receipt of the degree, move the tassel to the left side. (You will do this at the Undergraduate Degree Ceremony on Friday, May 31.)
- Advanced degree recipients wear the tassel on the left side.
- Take time to discuss plans and expectations for the day with your families ahead of time. You may want to review the [campus map](#) with them, pointing out event location(s). Review arrival information for guests to ensure that they know what [security measures and restrictions](#) to expect.

## Security at Killian Court

There will be **metal detectors in place** at Killian Court and a number of items are prohibited; please discuss these measures with your family so everyone knows what to expect. Attendees are advised to pack lightly for the day because all items taken into all ceremony venues are subject to search—the less they are carrying, the more quickly the party will be able to proceed through security.

The following items are **PERMITTED** in the ceremony venue:

- Snacks and beverages in plastic or paper/cardboard packaging. Plastic bottles, juice boxes, and disposable coffee cups are all ok. Water is available free of charge inside Killian Court.
- Cameras
- Phones
- Diaper bags and related items (formula, juice boxes, wipes, creams, diapers, toys, etc)
- Purses or similar, personal small bags, including tote bags and briefcases. Personal bags of this nature should be no larger than 16x16x6 inches (or approximately 40x40x15 centimeters)
- Reading material, whether printed or electronic (Nook, Kindle, iPad, etc)
- Laptops and tablets
- Keys
- Personal medical supplies

The following items are **PROHIBITED** in the ceremony venue:

- Bags with wheels
- Bags whose size exceeds 16x16x6 inches (or approximately 40x40x15 centimeters)
- Wrapped gifts
- Glass bottles and containers
- Firearms, knives (including pocketknives), and other weapons

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- Scissors and other sharp objects
- Mace, pepper spray, or similar substances
- Drones
- Large objects
- Noisemakers
- Poles or sticks (including selfie sticks)

Please note that prohibited items will be confiscated and not returned.

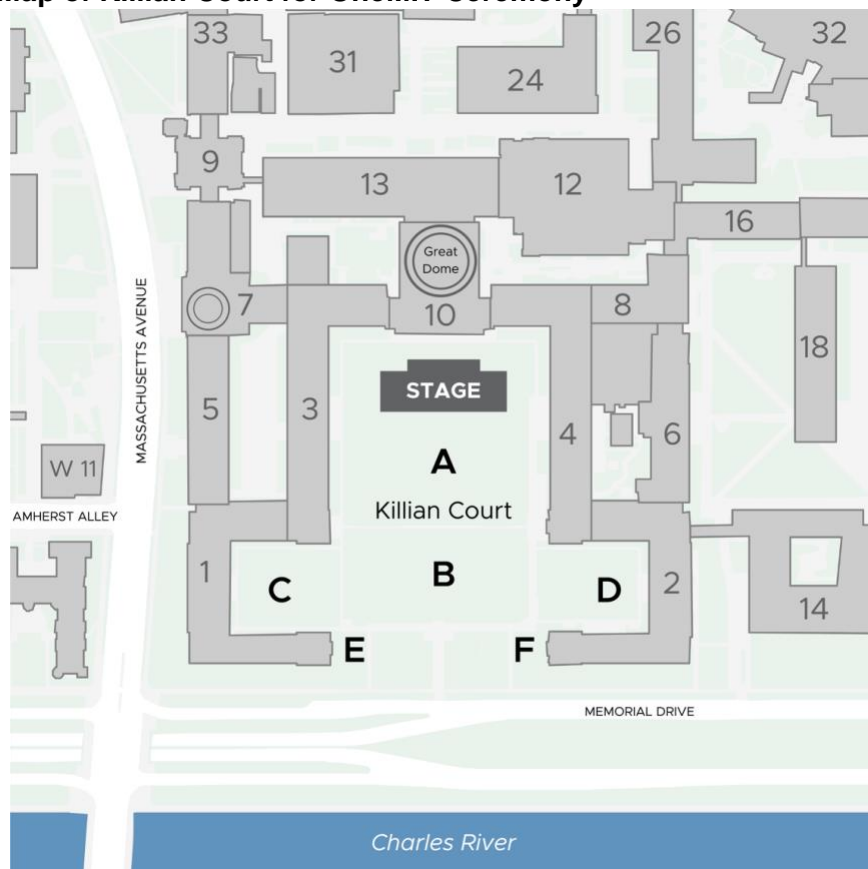
*Obstructing others' views is not permitted. While a guest may choose to carry balloons, a "congrats!" sign, or similar, these items may NOT be out/open/blocking others during the ceremony. Staff will be quick to preserve sight lines for grads, family, and friends.*

Attendees may carry an umbrella to outdoor ceremonies, but open umbrellas are not permitted while seated.

Guests are asked to consider the appearance of some objects, such as key ring tools/accessories, and leave anything that could be perceived as dangerous at home or in the hotel room. Service animals are welcome at Commencement ceremonies, but no other pets of any size will be permitted inside ceremony venues.

Guests are advised to carry government-issued ID (such as driver's licenses, state ID cards, or passports).

### Map of Killian Court for OneMIT Ceremony



A. Graduate seating

B. Guest seating

C. and D. Restroom facilities, general and accessibility information, and bottled water

E. Baby changing, lactation tent

F. First aid