



Undergraduate Degree Ceremony

Friday, May 27, 2022 | 2 pm | Briggs Field

Instructions for graduates



Before May 27

- Pick up your regalia.
- Obtain your personal and guest tickets → **NEW**: graduates need tickets to enter the Briggs Field tent complex (layout on page 3); see below.
- 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, [health and safety](#), and staying in touch with updates.

Regalia

Academic regalia is required for those participating in the procession at the Undergraduate Ceremony. If you ordered regalia via the MIT Coop, you may pick it up **starting May 18 in Lobdell Dining Hall** in the Stratton Student Center (W20). NOTE: this is a change of location. If a representative is picking up your pre-reserved regalia, please provide them with your MIT ID and make sure they know to go to W20.

Regalia pick-up schedule:

- May 18: 12 pm–5 pm
- May 19–21: 9 am–5 pm
- May 23–25: 9 am–5 pm
- May 26: 7 am–5 pm
- May 27: 7 am–5 pm

Tickets

Participating graduates may now LOG IN to the [adMIT One system](#) to obtain Undergraduate Ceremony tickets for themselves and their guests. → **Graduates NEED a ticket to enter the Briggs Field tent complex.** This is a new procedure for the new ceremony—please be sure to obtain your own ticket, along with those for your guests, so there is no delay when you arrive.

- You are eligible to receive up to four (4) electronic guest tickets: remember to forward them to your guests. If you lose the email, you may always return to the system to obtain 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 do not see tickets available in the system, you might not have filled out the [regalia form](#) to indicate your plan.
- If you are on the degree list and participating, you will get your tickets. Do not worry about tickets “selling out.”
- For assistance with ticket issues, please contact tickets@mit.edu.

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

Photos

Photo ordering information for the Class of 2022 will be mailed from GradImages following the **Undergraduate Ceremony**. Undergraduate degree recipients will receive an email and a hard copy packet will be sent to the mailing address on file. You may pre-order graduation pictures to take advantage of a **promo code for 20% off until 11:59 pm on May 26**: visit [GradImages online](#) to pre-order. If have any questions or concerns regarding photos, please contact GradImages Customer Service at (800) 261-2576, [online](#), or email ecc.giservice@gradimages.net.

Digital diplomas

All graduating students are eligible to receive a digital version of their diploma at no cost. Download the Blockcerts Wallet app on your mobile device and add MIT as an issuer to ensure that you will receive your digital diploma as soon as it is available. [Learn more](#)

Arrival for the ceremony

Doors to the Briggs Field tent complex (layout on page 3) open at 11:30 am. You may arrive with or without your guests anytime between 11:30 am and 12:45 pm; cold drinks and boxed lunches will be available in the reception tent. Enter the Briggs Field tent complex from Amherst Alley. ***Metal detectors will be in place at the entrance to the complex.***

At 12:45 pm, you must proceed to the assembly tent to check in at your station (see page 4). Please remember the need to go through security when you are timing your arrival at the complex. It is crucial to arrive and check in at your station on time.

What to bring

At the Undergraduate Ceremony, you need **only an electronic ticket, MIT ID, and regalia**. You may carry your phone in your pocket. **SMALL** cross-body personal bags worn under regalia are also ok. A bottle of water will be under your chair in the ceremony tent.

What NOT to bring

The following items are not permitted in the Briggs Field tent complex: glass containers of any type, backpacks, selfie sticks, umbrellas, balloons, and drones of any size. Please remember to report to your station on time—divesting of items not permitted in the procession will delay your check-in. Remember to [review all security information with your guests](#).

Check in to your station in the assembly tent **BY 1 pm**

- Report to your [designated station](#) (list follows on page 4)
- Check with the station aide to verify that your name appears on the posted station roster.
- If you do not appear on the station list or do not know your station number, check the listing at the Registrar's Table or with one of the marshals.

Line up

- When you hear the announcement, "Graduates, line up at your stations", report back to your station and remain there.
- Line up alphabetically at your station, according to the station list.
- Station aides will verify that you are in the appropriate order at the final attendance check.
- Graduates not in place by the attendance check will not be allowed to participate in the procession.

Procession

- The procession will be comprised of 4 parallel columns.
- Do not leave your station until you are instructed by a station aide or marshal.
- Follow the head in front of you and stay in a straight line.
- While en route, please stay to the center of the aisles and **do not reach over the rope line** to shake hands or greet spectators. The security of this line is critical to ensuring that all graduates receive their correct diplomas on stage.
- There will be 1 checkpoint along the procession route. When you reach the checkpoint, **state your last name clearly**.

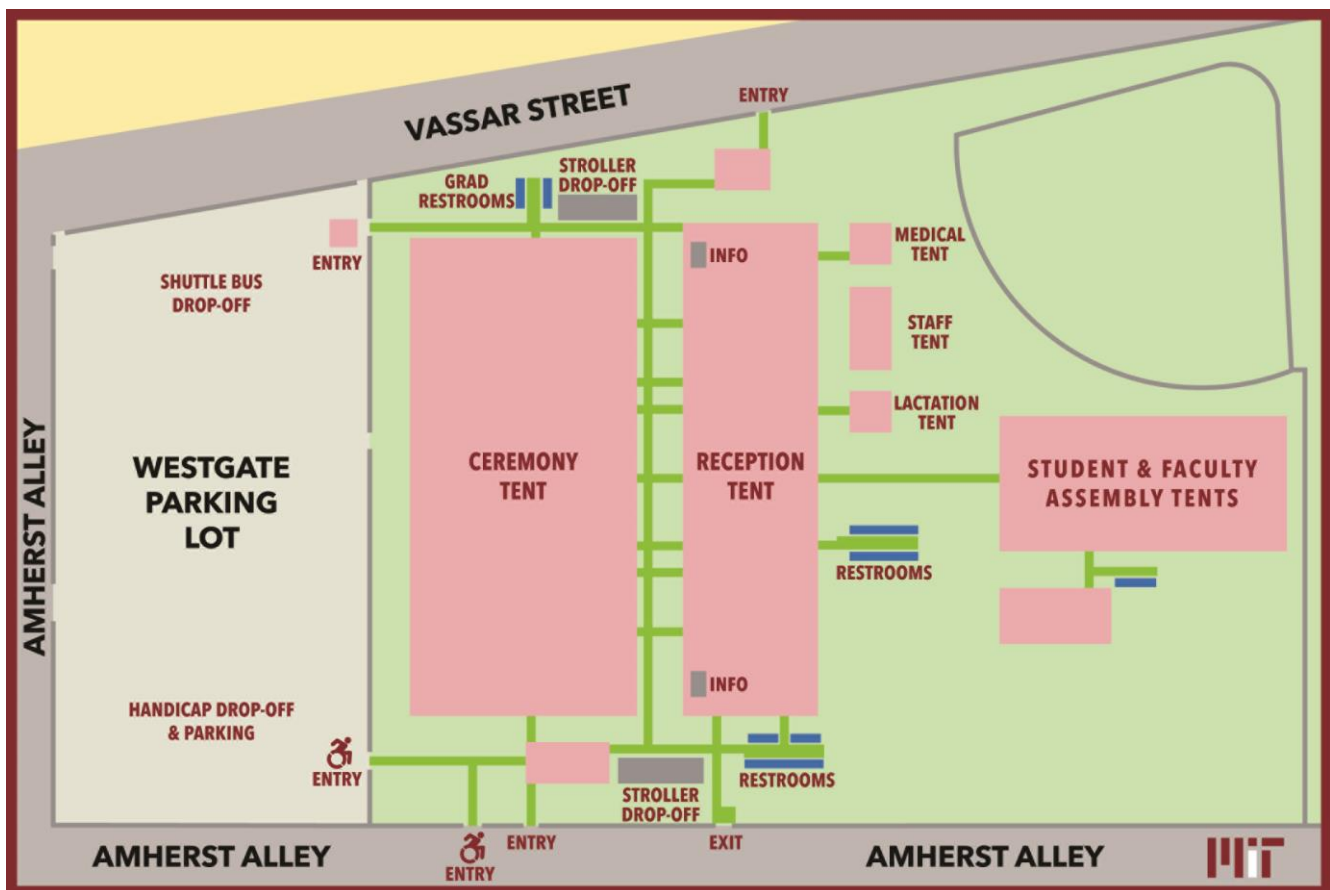
Diploma distribution

- When you arrive on stage, you will see a red line. Do not move beyond the red line until your name is read.
- Be alert to the position of your tassel so it does not obscure your face in photographs.
- If someone else's name is read, please tell the Registrar's representative your name and then move forward after you hear your name.
- Proceed across the stage and accept your diploma from President Reif or Provost Barnhart. ***Note for 2022: diploma distribution does not include a handshake: please accept your diploma with both hands.*** If you have difficulty with accepting your diploma, please advise Dean Elizabeth Young, ecy@mit.edu by Tuesday, May 24.
- Please stay in your seat throughout the ceremony except for diploma distribution or to use the restroom facilities for graduates, which are at the Vassar St. side of the ceremony tent.

Special notes

- Only graduates and designated faculty and staff will be allowed into the robing and assembly area in the Briggs Field assembly tent. PARENTS AND SIGNIFICANT OTHERS MAY NOT ENTER THE ASSEMBLY TENT.
- TURN CELL PHONES OFF UNTIL YOU ARE SEATED! DO NOT TALK ON PHONES WHILE MARCHING INTO THE CEREMONY TENT; KEEP IN VIBRATE MODE.
- 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 diploma, move the tassel to the left side. As you move your tassel, make sure it is away from your face so it does not interfere with the photo that will be taken as you exit the stage.
- Out of respect for all graduates and their guests, please return to your assigned seating area after you have received your diploma and remain seated until the end of the ceremony.
- Do not bring your children or other family members to the stage. They will be stopped and not allowed to cross with you. There is no exception to NO CHILDREN ON STAGE.
- The ceremony will end at approximately 4 pm. After the stage assembly recesses, graduates may join their guests in the audience.
- 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.

Layout of Briggs Field tent complex



Assembly stations

Upon arrival at the assembly tent in the Briggs Field complex, please report to your assembly station as listed. If you will require special assistance for the procession or crossing the stage, contact Dean Elizabeth Young (ecy@mit.edu or 617-253-6786).

How to find your station number

Graduates receiving one degree from one course will find the station numbers self-explanatory. Here are the exceptions:

- **SB with a double major:** report to the station for the course in which you are registered for your primary major.
- **More than one degree:** If you are receiving both SB and SM or MEng, report to the station of the primary undergraduate course.

You may also use the [station search online tool](#) offered by the Registrar's Office: scan the QR at right and enter your name to find your station.



School of Architecture and Planning

S.B. Courses 4, 4-B, 11, 11-6 → Station 1

School of Engineering

S.B. Course 1-ENG → Station 13

S.B. Course 2 (A-PA) → Station 8

S.B. Courses 2 (PB-Z) & 2A (A-H) → Station 9

S.B. Course 2-A (I-Z) → Station 10

S.B. Courses 3, 3A, 3C, 10 → Station 11

S.B. Courses 10B, 10C, 10-ENG → Station 12

S.B. Courses 6-1, 6-2 (A-GE) → Station 13

S.B. Course 6-2 (GF-N) → Station 14

S.B. Course 6-2 (O-Z) → Station 15

S.B. Course 6-3 (A-E) → Station 16

S.B. Course 6-3 (F-JI) → Station 17

S.B. Course 6-3 (JJ-MO) → Station 18

S.B. Course 6-3 (MP-SP) → Station 19

S.B. Course 6-3 (SQ-Z) → Station 20

S.B. Courses 6-7, 6-14 → Station 21

S.B. Course 16 → Station 22

S.B. Courses 16-ENG, 20 (A-L) → Station 23

S.B. Courses 20 (M-Z), 22, 22-ENG → Station 24

School of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences

S.B. Courses 14-1, 14-2, 17, 21A, 21G, 21H, 21L, 21M, 21M-2, 21W, 21 → Station 1

S.B. Courses 21E, 21S, 24-1, 24-2, CMS, STS → Station 2

Sloan School of Management

S.B. Courses 15-1, 15-2, 15-3 → Station 2

School of Science

S.B. Courses 5, 5-7, 7 → Station 3

S.B. Courses 8 & 9 → Station 4

S.B. Courses 6-9, 12 → Station 5

S.B. Course 18 (A-P) → Station 6

S.B. Courses 18 (Q-Z) & 18C → Station 7

Security at Briggs Field

There will be *metal detectors in place* at Killian Court and Briggs Field 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 ceremony venues:

- Snacks and beverages in plastic or paper/cardboard packaging. Plastic bottles, juice boxes, and disposable coffee cups are all ok.
- 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 ceremony venues:

- 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
- Scissors and other sharp objects
- Mace, pepper spray, or similar substances
- Selfie sticks
- Drones
- Large objects

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. Further, we discourage balloons or anything else that would block others' view of the ceremony. Attendees may carry an umbrella to outdoor ceremonies, but open umbrellas are not permitted while seated. Please note that prohibited items will be confiscated and not returned.

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