



Important information regarding the OneMIT Commencement Ceremony May 2022

To: Degree Candidates Participating in the 2022 OneMIT Commencement Ceremony:

Congratulations on your many accomplishments during your time at MIT! We hope that you will have time to reflect on them as we count down the days to your graduation.

As we prepare for the celebrations to begin, we would like to share two important updates with you and call your attention to the detailed instructions for graduates that are presented in the attached PDF.

1. An important new development: instead of assembling in order and marching in as suggested previously, **you are invited to enter Killian Court with your families and friends and to be seated anytime between 8 am and 9:15.** This pushes back the time when you must report for the OneMIT ceremony.

This new plan recognizes that with the creation of student processions at individual ceremonies*—at which families and friends will be closer to graduates marching in—the procession in Killian Court would be duplicative. We therefore invite you to arrive at Killian Court for the OneMIT Ceremony with your guests and to take your seat (as opposed to having to begin assembly between 7:30 and 8 am). In addition, you may sit wherever you like in the graduate seating section in front of the stage (e.g., with your friends) for this event.

The OneMIT ceremony will still feature an academic procession, but it will be much shorter than initially planned. It will be accompanied by a ceremonial brass band and will comprise members of the MIT Corporation and Faculty, MIT senior leadership, and student leaders. Once all are seated on stage, the program will begin; we expect to conclude by 11:30 am.

2. The new format means that **graduates need a ticket to enter Killian Court.** You will find that available to you when you log in to obtain your guest tickets. In addition to your own ticket, you will be eligible for up to four (4) guest tickets. Please be sure to obtain and distribute your guest tickets prior to arriving at Killian Court, so as to avoid a delay at the door.

Please prepare your guests to enjoy all your graduation celebrations by reviewing all [health and safety](#), arrival, [security](#), [location](#), [shuttle](#), and [schedule](#) information ahead of time. The [grad](#) and [guest](#) FAQ pages can be helpful here. **The OneMIT Ceremony will take place outdoors rain or shine**, so please be prepared for the possibility of inclement weather and if it materializes, dress accordingly. A rainy day can be cold and uncomfortable. In the event of bad weather, we recommend to guests that they remain in place indoors and watch the [webcast](#). (Guests of undergraduates participating in the afternoon ceremony would then proceed to the tent complex on Briggs Field after 11:30 am on May 27.)

Please watch for further email notification and stay in touch with friends regarding information and updates that may come from MIT Commencement or from your School, College, or department—thank you.

We extend our warm congratulations on your upcoming graduation and our best wishes on all that lies beyond your time at MIT.

Sincerely,

James M. Poterba, Mitsui Professor of Economics and Chair, Commencement Committee
Ted E. Johnson, Executive Officer for Commencement

**“Individual ceremonies” refers to the Undergraduate Ceremony and the Advanced Degree Ceremonies for the five Schools and the College.*



OneMIT Commencement Ceremony

Friday, May 27, 2022 | 10 am | Killian Court

Instructions for graduates



Before May 27

- Pick up your regalia
- Obtain your personal and guest tickets → **NEW**: graduates will need tickets to enter Killian Court; see below
- Review arrival information for grads and guests
- Talk with your guests about getting to MIT, security, your plan for the day, and staying in touch with updates

Regalia

Academic regalia is required for participating graduates who sit in the OneMIT Ceremony graduate seating area. 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. For returns of rented Doctoral regalia, see [online info](#).

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 OneMIT Ceremony tickets for themselves and their guests. → **Graduates NEED a ticket to enter Killian Court**. This is a change of procedure—please be sure to obtain your own ticket, along with those for your guests, so there is no delay when you arrive.

- You will be 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.**

Arrival for OneMIT on Friday, May 27

- Killian Court doors open for graduates and guests at 8 am.
- 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 electronic 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 9:15 am.**
- 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, selfie sticks, umbrellas, balloons, and drones of any size. Review [full security information](#)

After the ceremony

At the conclusion of the OneMIT Ceremony, all graduates and guests are invited to adjourn for cold beverages and boxed lunches. [Shuttles](#) will be stopping at Killian Court and the lunch pick-up locations.

- **Undergraduates** and guests proceed to [Briggs Field](#). Doors to the complex (including the Undergraduate Ceremony venue) will open at 11:30 am—please escort your guests down Memorial Drive to enter Briggs Field via Amherst Alley. Undergraduate assembly will begin at 12:45 pm.
- **Advanced degree recipients** and guests proceed to the [Johnson Athletics Center](#), with seating available in the tent on [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 in place indoors and watch the [webcast](#).
- If it is raining on the morning 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 afternoon ceremony.)
- 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.

Photos

Photo ordering information for the Class of 2022 will be mailed following the **individual recognition ceremonies** from GradImages. Most* degree candidates 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 the day before your *individual* ceremony: 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.

**Advanced degree candidates in MIT Sloan: 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 27.
- Advanced degree recipients may pick up their diplomas in the [Stata Center](#) during the following times:
 - Thursday, May 26: 10 am to 5 pm in Rooms 32-124 and 32-144
 - Friday, May 27: 10 am to 5 pm in Rooms 32-124 and 32-144

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](#)

Security at Killian Court

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. 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 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).