

# COMMENCEMENT DAY

# INFO

**For more information visit  
[svsu.edu/graduate/commencementceremony](https://svsu.edu/graduate/commencementceremony)**

## Commencement Timeline:

- Get to the Ryder Center 90 minutes before the ceremony
- Bring your Student ID to check-in at the west fieldhouse entrance of the Ryder Center. From Lot E, follow the sidewalk against the fieldhouse until it ends
- Head to the area behind the stage curtain to get your name card and write your name phonetically for the announcer
- Do NOT bring valuables (coats, purses) with you. There is no place to store your items

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## Ceremony Information:

- gradimages.com will take professional photos of grads. The best time to take personal photos is 2 hours before or immediately after the ceremony
- You will be receiving your diploma cover. Your official diploma will be mailed to you in the spring after a final degree audit has taken place

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## Commencement Attire:

- A cap and gown are required to participate in the ceremony. Go to the SVSU bookstore to pick yours up if you have not done so
- If you are receiving an undergraduate degree, your tassel is worn on the right and after the ceremony is moved to the left
- If you are receiving a graduate degree, your tassel is worn on the left and after the ceremony is moved to the right

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## Guest Information:

- Doors open for guests to arrive 90 minutes before the ceremony
  - Seating is first come first serve
  - Guests MUST have a ticket to enter
- Guests are highly encouraged to leave all bags in their vehicle. All bags will be checked before entering the Ryder Center
- Parking is available all throughout campus, with the closest lots being C, C1, D, E and K
- There will be signs posted throughout the building on where to sit for the best view of the graduate based on their college
- Guests that cannot attend the ceremony can watch the live stream online at [svsu.edu/graduate/](https://svsu.edu/graduate/)

**IF YOU OR A GUEST HAVE ANY QUESTIONS WHILE  
AT COMMENCEMENT, ASK SOMEONE WEARING A  
VOLUNTEER LANYARD**