

COMMENCEMENT CHECKLIST

FOR THE CLASS OF 2021

LEAVE A LEGACY

❑ **CONTRIBUTE TO THE CLASS OF 2021 GIFT BEFORE APRIL 14**

As a way to “pay it forward”, the 2021 Senior Class Officers invite you to join fellow members of your graduating class in making a BIG difference at Mount Union with a contribution to this year’s class gift – the Class of 2021 Plaza. Your support will provide a gathering space for all future and current Raiders, in connection to one of the most popular areas of campus – The Academic Mall – and in between two distinctive landmarks on campus, the Koldenbrander-Harter Information Center and Chapman Hall. This gathering space will allow students to enjoy the beauty of campus while studying, eating, or simply hanging out with friends! In addition to leaving a lasting impact at Mount Union, you will also receive an exclusive Class of 2021 quarter zip and have the opportunity to customize a brick.

❑ **TUNE IN TO SCHOLAR DAY AND HONORS CONVOCATION ON APRIL 20**

SCHOLAR Day offers you the opportunity to spend a day learning about undergraduate and graduate research projects completed by Mount Union students. For more information regarding Scholar Day, visit mountunion.edu/scholar-day. Honors Convocation is an annual ceremony to celebrate our students’ scholastic, academic, and service achievements. This year’s Honors Convocation will be held virtually, and information regarding the event will be shared via email and social media in the coming days. The Honors Convocation web page will be accessible from the Scholar Day site the morning of April 20.

DON'T MISS GRADFEST

❑ **ATTEND GRADFEST ON APRIL 14**

Attend this mandatory event on April 14 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Peterson Field House. VISIT OUR “ONE STOP SHOP” FOR 2021 GRADUATES!

❑ **GET YOUR COMMENCEMENT GEAR**

Pick up your complimentary cap and gown or order your diploma frame...Receive 20% off all IN STOCK diploma frames on the day of GradFest (ONE DAY ONLY). Also, order your graduation announcements and university class ring. All rings are discounted! For information on class rings and graduation announcements, please reach out to Jostens at jostens.com or (800) 854-7464.

❑ **CHECK YOUR ACCOUNT FOR CLEARANCE TO GRADUATE**

Pick up Perkins Loan information and get help with completing the exit interview online (graduation requirement). In accordance with the policy of the University, all financial accounts of candidates for graduation must be paid before commencement clearance can be given to the faculty. Be certain to pay any account balances with the Office of Business Affairs and the University Library before April 14.

❑ **LEARN ABOUT YOUR LOANS**

If you borrowed federal student loans during your time at Mount Union, please complete your required exit counseling at studentaid.gov. Get answers about loan consolidation and debt management and verify your online Stafford Loan exit interview.

❑ **EXPLORE CAREER SUPPORT**

Learn of ways to utilize the Office of Career Development resources after graduation. Visit mountunion.edu/career-development.

❑ **GET YOUR PROFESSIONAL PORTRAIT**

Participate in a free professional portrait sitting. Please remember to dress in preparation for this sitting (professional wear). View, choose, and order portraits online at cockrillsstudio.com. Cockrill's Studio will also be on location during each ceremony held during Commencement Weekend to photograph graduates as they receive their diplomas. Commencement and diploma photographs will also be placed on their secure website for viewing and purchase. Please contact Cockrill's Studio if you have questions – 670 W. State St., Alliance, OH 44601 (located in Lingefelter Centre), (330) 821-8303, cockrillsstudio.com.

❑ **COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND GRADFEST**

If you can't attend GradFest, complimentary caps and gowns may be picked up in the University Store in the Hoover-Price Campus Center beginning April 15, 2021 through May 7, 2021. You will need to show your Purple Plus ID at the time of pick up.

PREPARE FOR COMMENCEMENT WEEKEND

❑ ORDER YOUR COMMENCEMENT TICKETS

Each graduate is permitted to bring two guests to a Commencement ceremony. Seating will be reserved in the Mount Union Stadium. Guests will be seated in the covered stands in pods of two. Thus, each student's guests will sit together in reserved seats and will be appropriately spaced apart from other guests in the stands. Tickets will be available in early April via Mount Union's online ticket ordering system. To claim a student's tickets for up to two guests, the student's Purple Plus ID number must be provided at the time of order. Tickets and confirmations will be delivered via email. You can download your tickets from your confirmation email and either store them on your mobile device or print out a hard copy. Each guest, regardless of age, will be required to have a ticket to enter the Mount Union Stadium. Tickets will be scanned upon entering Mount Union Stadium.

❑ PARTICIPATE IN COMMENCEMENT MAY 7-9

The University of Mount Union will host a series of Commencement ceremonies for the Class of 2020 and Class of 2021 during the weekend of May 7-9, 2021 in Mount Union Stadium. By hosting several ceremonies in this venue, Mount Union will be able to provide an in-person Commencement experience while also adhering to COVID-19 safety protocols, including maximum capacities for group gatherings. Due to capacity limitations and COVID-19 safety protocols, Commencement participants are limited to graduates, faculty, two guests per graduate, the platform party, and a handful of identified essential employees. Other campus community members, family members, and friends are invited to view the ceremonies via livestream.

The ceremonies specific to the Class of 2021 will be held as follows:

Friday, May 7	5 p.m.	Class of 2021 Graduate Students
Saturday, May 8	10 a.m.	Class of 2021 Undergraduate Students of the College of Natural and Health Sciences
Saturday, May 8	1:30 p.m.	Class of 2021 Undergraduate Students of the College of Applied and Social Sciences (Department of Communication, Department of Computer Science, Department of Education, School of Engineering, Department of Mathematics)
Saturday, May 8	5 p.m.	Class of 2021 Undergraduate Students of the College of Applied and Social Sciences (Department of Business, Department of Political Science and International Studies, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice)
Sunday, May 9	10 a.m.	Class of 2021 Undergraduate Students of the College of Arts and Humanities

Should inclement weather be in the forecast for May 7, May 8, or May 9, the faculty and students will move to the Peterson Field House for the Commencement ceremonies scheduled for that day. Guests will remain in the covered stands in the Mount Union Stadium, and the ceremony will be livestreamed on the scoreboard and on two large LED box screens. If inclement weather forecasts require a change of venue, an announcement will be made the day prior to the impacted ceremonies. Such decisions will be made daily; a change of venue on one day does not necessarily mean that a venue change will be necessary for another. If inclement weather does require a change of venue, the change will impact all ceremonies scheduled for that day.

Please refrain from posting signs, distributing literature, or using horns, whistles, bells, or loud-sounding objects that might interfere with the dignity of the program. Please wear the colored tassel indicating your degree on your cap at Commencement. The University is not responsible for any items left behind. Gates/doors for each Commencement ceremony will open a half hour before the designated start time.

Please visit mountunion.edu/commencement for additional details.

❑ PICK UP YOUR DIPLOMA BETWEEN MAY 19 AND MAY 28

You may do so between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the Office of the Registrar, located in Beeghly Hall. While you will receive your diploma cover at the Commencement Ceremony, your actual diploma will be available for pick-up between May 19 and May 28 in the Office of the Registrar (Beeghly Hall). Any diplomas that have not been picked up by the deadline will be mailed to your home address listed on Self-Service. Please note that the campus will be closed on Monday, May 25 due to the holiday.

QUESTIONS?

For questions regarding diplomas and academic cords, contact the Office of the University Registrar at registrar@mountunion.edu or (330) 823-6018. For questions regarding GradFest and Commencement regalia, contact the University Store at bookstore@mountunion.edu or (330) 823-2085. For general Commencement questions, contact the Office of Alumni Engagement at alumni@mountunion.edu or (330) 823-2030.