LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Some local accommodations are listed for your information. Contact the hotels/motels for details.

- 1842 Inn  1(800) 336-1842 / (478) 741-1842
- Baymont Inn  1(877) 864-9268
- Best Western Riverside  1(800) 528-1234 / (478) 743-6311
- Comfort Inn & Suites  (478) 757-8688
- Country Inn  (478) 803-8200
- Courtyard by Marriott  (478) 477-8899
- Days Inn  (478) 781-4343
- Econo Lodge  (478) 746-6224
- Hampton Inn & Suites  (478) 803-5000
- Hilton Garden Inn (Mercer Campus)  (478) 741-5527
- Holiday Inn  (478) 803-8200
- Howard Johnson  (478) 746-7571
- La Quinta Inn & Suites  (478) 475-0206
- Macon Inn  (478) 746-3561
- Macon Marriott City Center  (478) 621-5300
- Quality Inn & Suites  (478) 474-8000
- Ramada Inn  (478) 788-0120
- Red Roof Inn  (478) 477-7477
- Residence Inn Macon  (478) 475-4280
- Rodeway Inn  (478) 405-0106
- Towne Place Suites  1(844) 631-0595 / (478) 812-8522
- United Inn & Suites  (478) 745-8521
- Wingate Inn  (478) 476-8100

DIRECTIONS TO MACON CAMPUS

From I-75 South (from Atlanta): Take I-75 South to Exit #163 (Macon University Drive). Take a left at the top of the exit ramp onto Mercer University Drive and cross over I-75. There are two entrances to campus. Turn left at the first traffic light onto Stadium Drive (Mobility Impaired Parking is accessed from this entrance), or left at the second traffic light onto College Street.

From I-75 North (from Florida): Take I-75 North to Exit #163 (Macon University Drive). Take a right at the top of the exit ramp onto Mercer University Drive. There are two entrances to campus. Turn left at the first traffic light onto Stadium Drive (Mobility Impaired Parking is accessed from this entrance), or left at the second traffic light onto College Street.

Parking: Parking is available throughout campus. The Upper Parking Level of the University Center will be restricted to Mobility Impaired Parking only. The Lower Parking Level is restricted to the Platform Party.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, May 12, 2017
10:00 a.m.
ROTC Commissioning Ceremony
President’s Dining Room, University Center
5 p.m.
Baccalaureate Service
Willingham Auditorium
Saturday, May 13, 2017
3:30 p.m.
Commencement
Hawkins Arena, University Center

Tickets are required for admission. A separate information page explaining distribution of tickets is enclosed. Lost guest tickets cannot be replaced. Guests without tickets will not be permitted to enter the University Center.

MERCER UNIVERSITY PROHIBITS THE SALE OF GUEST TICKETS.

Disability Accessibility

Please contact Carol Burrowbridge at (478) 301-2778 or burrowbrid_c@mercer.edu to request disability accommodations. The deadline for graduating students requesting interpreters or real-time transcription is April 28, 2017. Closed-captioning will be provided only at the remote sites (School of Medicine Auditorium, the Science and Engineering Auditorium, or the Willingham Auditorium). In all situations, a good faith effort will be made to provide accommodations. Mobility Impaired Parking will be available until full with curb drop off also available. Seating reserved for persons with impaired mobility and one family member will have mobility impaired placards.

COMMENCEMENT FOR GRADUATES

Stetson School of Business & Economics
School of Engineering
Tift College of Education
Penfield College
Townsend School of Music
College of Health Professions

Commencement 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 13, 2017
The University Center
Macon, Georgia
Congratulations on approaching this important milestone in your academic career. We hope the information contained in this brochure will assist you and your family in planning for the various activities surrounding commencement. Please read carefully the sections concerning your degree requirements and eligibility to participate in the graduation ceremony. Receipt of this brochure does not certify the completion of degree requirements nor does it confirm eligibility to march in the graduation exercises.

- The traditional cap and gown are considered formal academic attire for commencement. Mercer has provided cords and medallions to indicate specific academic honors.
- A degree will be awarded only to students who have satisfied all requirements of the University and the school/collage certifying the degree.
- Diploma Covers will be distributed to all participants during the ceremony. Students who complete all degree requirements during the spring semester and have no outstanding financial or loan obligations to the University will receive diplomas after all requirements have been certified as complete. Students who met requirements in a previous term have already received diplomas. For students not eligible to receive a diploma or completing after the spring semester, diplomas will be mailed to the permanent home address after degree requirements are completed and certified.
- After degrees are awarded, graduates are eligible to order, at their expense, an oversized 14”x17” diploma (covers are not available). Information and order forms are available from the Office of the Registrar.
- Honors printed in the program are based on grades earned through the fall semester preceding the ceremony. Refer to the Mercer Catalog for information on the calculation of University honors.

Baccalaureate Service

The Baccalaureate, a special worship service honoring all graduates of the University, will be held on Friday, May 12, 2017, at 5 p.m. in the Willingham Auditorium. Graduates wear caps and gowns. Contact the Office of Student Affairs at (478) 301-2685 for more information.

Commencement Etiquette

Commencement is a special time for all the graduates and their guests. Mercer requests all participants and guests to respect the importance of this occasion and to treat it with the proper decorum. NOTE: Food, drinks and baby strollers/carriages are not permitted in the Hawkins Arena. All cell phones should be turned off or on vibrate. Large gifts for graduates that can obstruct the view during the ceremony are not allowed in the Hawkins Arena. These items must be checked in at the Mercer Ticket Office across from the Hawkins Arena.

Mercer Bookstore

All students will be able to pick up regalia starting April 24th. For additional information, please feel free to contact the Mercer Macon Bookstore at (478) 301-2945. Check current Mercer Macon Bookstore hours at: www.shopmercerbears.com. The Mercer Macon Bookstore will be open: Saturday, May 13, 2017, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. The Bear Market will be open two hours prior to commencement up until start of the ceremony.

Graduation DVDs & Photos

Mercer University is partnering with gradmemory.com to provide a professional video of the graduation ceremony. This perfect graduation keepsake is available to order now. The Graduation DVD contains the complete graduation ceremony, covering all the special moments of your commencement. The DVD package can also be personalized with the graduate’s name and picture. To order, go to www.gradmemory.com. For more details, please contact GradMemory directly at support@gradmemory.com.

Important Information for Degree Candidates

Herrick Jones Company

The Herrick Jones Company, the official supplier of graduation products, congratulates you on your accomplishments. The Herrick Jones Company will be happy to assist you with the ordering of your ring or personalized announcements. You may go online for more information at: www.herrifjones.com/college/mercer.

GradImages®, the professional photographer for commencement, congratulates you on your upcoming graduation. A photographer from GradImages® will be at your ceremony to take a candid photograph of you at your special moment of recognition. You will receive a free proof of this photo in the mail within 5 to 7 days following the ceremony. After your graduation, you may order photographs online at www.gradimages.com or by calling (800) 261-2945.

Name Pronunciation

If there has ever been an occasion when your name has been mispronounced, please prevent this from happening during the graduation ceremony by calling Dean Weintraut at (478) 301-2894 between Monday, April 24th and Monday, May 8th. Leave a message containing your school affiliation, the correct pronunciation of your name and, where necessary, the correct spelling of your name. Please pronounce your name twice, slowly and clearly.

It is not necessary to leave a message if your name is fairly common, such as "James Miller," "Mary Smith," or "Pat Jones."