



COMMENCEMENT: MAY 10, 2008
INSTRUCTIONS

1. Graduates of the College of Letters and Science will line up together, but not necessarily by department, prior to the main university ceremony. **For up to date information after April 15 call 994-2601 or check the MSU web page and the Letters and Science web page.**
2. The college ceremony will begin in the Fieldhouse at approximately 11:45 a.m. (immediately after the conclusion of the university commencement ceremony).
3. **Letters and Science graduates and their guests should remain in the Fieldhouse after the conclusion of the university ceremony.** As soon as the other colleges have dispersed to their respective ceremonies, we will have our graduating students follow their department head (or faculty) into the north or south hallway where you will regroup with your department. Then **we will have a procession back into the Worthington arena for your ceremony.** Just follow your department head or faculty member to the assigned seating. They will be carrying a sign with your department name.
4. L&S graduates will sit by department but not in alphabetical order. The department head will sit in the first chair of the row with the graduates filling in the row(s) next to him or her.
5. Family and guests should remain seated in the bleachers until guests for other college ceremonies exit the Fieldhouse.
6. Your department head will have a card you need to hand to the reader. This card will list your name, major and any university honors received.
7. When the conferring of degrees begins, your department head will lead you to the stage. You will use the stairs on the right (facing the stage) to climb up onto the stage. As you step on the stage, hand your card to the reader at the podium who will announce you as you walk across the stage to receive your degree. **Please say your name to the reader if you think the pronunciation will need clarification.**
8. You will be photographed receiving your diploma cover on stage, but do not stop to pose.
9. Please be careful as you descend the stairs from the stage. While we want to keep the ceremony brief, we do not want to rush people across the stage. This is YOUR moment; enjoy it!