When can I receive my cap & gown (regalia)?

We realize your cap & gown are important to you. Due to current Tennessee and University social distancing/safer at home guidelines, gowns are not currently available but your cap and tassel will be sent as part of your Graduation Box. Regardless if you plan to participate in the August ceremony, you will be eligible to pick-up the appropriate regalia at the Bookstore on Friday, July 31 from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Saturday, August 1 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., or Monday, August 3rd – Thursday, August 6th from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., and Friday, August 7th from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

You will need to bring your MTSU issued photo ID or other valid photo ID If you would like to come and pick up a gown at one of the times/dates above. If you plan to participate in the December ceremony, your regalia may be picked up during the scheduled August or December pick-up dates. Students in the College of Graduate Studies will receive their hood in addition to their gown.

**Note:** We are currently researching the possibility for May graduates to order their gowns online to ship home. More information will be provided if this option becomes available.

Can someone else pick up my gown (regalia)?

Yes. If someone else will be picking up your regalia, please provide them with a signed statement from you, authorizing them to pick up your regalia. Your note will need to list your name and MTSU M# and include the name of your designee. Make sure your designee comes prepared to present a valid photo ID, such as a driver's license or their MTSU issued ID if they are also a student.

What do I need to do to participate in a future graduation ceremony?

Once we have finalized the RSVP process for May 2020 graduate participation at a future commencement ceremony, we will email a link to all verified May graduates. You should expect to receive the RSVP link by May 22 in your MTSU student email account. This will allow you and your family time to make plans to attend the ceremony with the best fit for you. Our next three commencements are scheduled for August 8, 2020, December 12, 2020 and May 7 & 8, 2021. Time(s) will be announced once participant numbers can be determined.

While the university plans to hold summer commencement, final event decisions are contingent on public health circumstances surrounding the global pandemic.

When will my degree post?

Final grades are due from instructors on Monday, May 11th. Once all final grades have been received and end of term processing is complete, the Graduation Analysts will verify each expected graduate has successfully completed all requirements. Degrees for verified May graduates are expected to post on Friday, May 15.

How soon can I receive proof of my degree?

Your official transcript is the official record of your degree(s) earned. Transcripts for verified May graduates will be ready for release on Friday, May 15th. You may choose to order transcripts using the direct link in your PipelineMT: **Registration & Student Records > Academic Records > Transcript - Order Official.** If you place your order now and select the “**Hold for Degree**” option, your transcript order(s) will be processed as soon as your degree is awarded. This is a fastest and most efficient way to release your transcript once your degree is awarded.
We also report your degree to the National Student Clearinghouse. Current and potential employees can request verification of degree directly from the Clearinghouse.

**Am I graduating with Latin honors?**

Latin honors are only awarded to undergraduate students.

**UNDERGRADUATE LATIN HONORS – BASED ON INCLUSIVE GPA**

- Cum Laude: 3.500 - 3.749 Inclusive GPA
- Magna Cum Laude: 3.750 - 3.899 Inclusive GPA
- Summa Cum Laude: 3.900 - 4.000 Inclusive GPA

The inclusive GPA is calculated by combining your college level work attempted at MTSU, as well as, all college level coursework attempted at any other institution you attended. The GPA on your transcript and DegreeWorks lists your overall GPA.

**To view your current Inclusive GPA in PipelineMT:**

Registration & Student Records menu > Academic Records box > Choose GPAs or Graduation Information link

If you are awarded Latin honors, the appropriate stole will be provided in your Graduation Box and your Latin honors designation will be listed on your diploma and official transcript.

**When will I receive my diploma?**

Your diploma will be mailed to you in your Graduation Box late-May. To guarantee you receive your specially prepared Graduation Box, please make sure you have verified your DIPLOMA MAILING ADDRESS. If a change is needed, you will need to email records@mtsu.edu from your MTSU email account with the updated diploma address information no later than Friday, May 15th. You should review your diploma address in your Pipeline account.

Registration & Student Records > Academic Records > Graduation Information link

**How do I order a duplicate diploma?**

The required form with instructions for ordering a duplicate diploma is available here www.mtsu.edu/one-stop/docs/diplreplace.pdf. Duplicate diploma orders for Spring 2020 graduates will be processed after all Graduation Boxes are mailed and will arrive in a separate envelope.

**Am I required to take the senior exit exam or major field test?**

No. The requirement for completing the senior exit exam and major field test has been suspended for Spring 2020 graduates.

**I was expecting to receive a cord/stole due to my participation in Experiential Learning (EXL), MT Engage or from another campus organization. How will I receive my additional cord or stole?**

The offices of Experiential Learning (EXL) and MT Engage have plans to mail the cords to you. Other offices will be responsible for communicating how they will provide their specific cord or stole to you. If you have not already received an email from the department/organization, please email their office directly.
I am graduating for the University Honors College. How will I receive my honors cord and bronze medallion?

If you are graduating from the University Honors College, your blue & white cord will be included in your Graduation Box. The Honors College will mail the bronze medallion to those students who successfully defended their thesis this semester.

If there a fee to participate in a future graduation ceremony?

There are no additional fees to participate in commencement, as these fees are included in the student service fees.