

Dear Graduates,

We are sorry that Wright State University must again require tickets to attend our commencement ceremony this April. We also apologize for not communicating this decision earlier in the semester. We regret that this policy may alter plans for some of our graduates and their families.

Graduation is a highlight of the year, and Wright State has prided itself on providing a special ceremony for graduates and their families. However, over the years, the number of graduates who walk at our commencement ceremony has steadily increased, and spring 2018 is no exception. More than 1,500 graduates have already registered to participate in the ceremony, with more expected to sign up.

Because of the expected large crowd, the university needed to institute the ticketing policy, as has been done in the past, for safety reasons and to ensure the Wright State Nutter Center complies with fire code.

Although Wright State has not usually required graduates and their guests to have tickets to attend commencement many other universities limit the number of tickets available at graduation.

Some have suggested that Wright State hold multiple ceremonies to accommodate the expected large crowd. There are advantages and disadvantages to this, which have been carefully considered. In a 2015 survey the university conducted about graduation, the majority of student respondents said they did not want to have a second ceremony.

You can learn more about the ticket policy at:

<https://www.wright.edu/event/commencement/ceremony-information#tickets>

As always, we will livestream commencement so that it can be seen from anywhere. We will also have overflow seating available in the Endeavour Room of the Student Union.

Thank you for your understanding and patience. And our apologies again for not communicating this change earlier and any inconvenience this may have caused.

Fran Keeley  
Director of Ceremonies