



COMMENCEMENT ATTENDANCE RULES

Graduation is always our favorite time of year! We are so proud of the accomplishments of the graduates and even more proud to welcome friends and families to our beautiful campus. It is our pledge to you that we will do our utmost to give you the best possible experience on graduation day. For the guests planning on attending commencement, please read the following and familiarize yourself with the rules to help minimize unexpected mishaps and ensure everyone's safety. Again, congratulations to all!

1. **Arrival Time:**

- Guests are encouraged to arrive at least 30-45 minutes prior to the start of the ceremony to allow ample time for seating.
- Late arrivals may be asked to sit in the overflow area so that the ceremony is not disrupted.

2. **Seating:**

- Seating is on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- Please respect designated seating areas and refrain from saving seats beyond your immediate party.
- Please listen and follow the directions given by any SSC staff.

3. **Respectful Behavior:**

- Maintain a respectful and quiet demeanor throughout the ceremony.
- Refrain from loud conversations, excessive noise, or any behavior that may disrupt the ceremony or distract other attendees.
- Turn off or silence all electronic devices, including cell phones.

4. **Photography and Videography:**

- Avoid obstructing the view of other attendees or the professional photographers/videographers.
- Tripod and other large photographic equipment are prohibited.

5. **Prohibited Items:**

- The following items are prohibited inside the venue:
 - Outside food and beverages
 - Weapons of any kind
 - Any other items deemed dangerous or disruptive by event staff

6. **Accessibility:**

- Designated accessible seating and accommodations are available for guests with disabilities. Please contact the Admissions Office in advance to request accommodation.
- Please be respectful of the designated handicap seating.

7. **Children:**

- Parents or guardians are responsible for the supervision and behavior of their children.
- Please be mindful of other attendees and remove children who become disruptive.

8. **Post-Ceremony:**

- Please remain seated for the duration of the ceremony and until the recessional is complete.
- Please designate a location to meet your graduate after the ceremony to avoid blocking exits.

Important Notes:

- These rules are subject to change at the discretion of Seminole State College.
- Event staff reserves the right to remove any attendee who violates these rules or engages in disruptive behavior.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact our Admissions Office at admissions@sscok.edu or 405-382-9230.