



GRADUATION 2012

General Information

Ordering Academic Regalia (*tam, hood, gown & tassel*) Staff from the UGA Bookstore will be at the law school Jan. 31, 2012, in the student lounge on the first floor (adjacent to Jittery Joe's) 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. **The cost to rent regalia is \$75.97** (*the tassel is actually yours to keep and not a rental.*) The bookstore will accept checks or credit/debit card orders but not cash.

Commencement Ceremony

The School of Law's commencement ceremony is scheduled for Sat., May 19, 2012, outdoors on the North Campus Quadrangle directly in front of the law school building. In the event of inclement weather, a change of venue announcement will be made at the entrance to the Law Library at 9:00 a.m. on Sat., May 19, or if possible, an e-mail will be sent out earlier to the law school's official law student email listserv (i.e., lawstu12@listserv.uga.edu; lawllm@listserv.uga.edu) (*The rain location for the commencement ceremony is Stegeman Coliseum located on South Campus.*)

Time of Commencement Ceremony

The ceremony is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. and conclude around 11:30 a.m.

Invitations to the Saturday Commencement Ceremony

You may order official graduation invitations from a vendor of your choice (*e.g., UGA Bookstore, Bel- Jean's, Kinko's, off the internet, etc.*) *There is no*

limit of the number of guests you may invite to attend the Saturday commencement ceremony and no limit of the number of guests who choose to attend the Saturday graduation ceremony.

Lodging

Room blocks have been made at the hotels that are the closest to the law school for use by guests planning to attend the Law School Commencement activities.

Georgia Gameday Center 706.583.4500

www.stayatgameday.com

250 West Broad St., Athens, GA 30601

Room Block Drops: 4/18/12

Reservation Code: *UGA Law School Graduation 2012*

Rate: 1-br condo = \$129.00 plus 14% tax per night; 2-br condo = \$149.00 plus 14% tax per night.

The Georgia Center - Toll-free 1-800-884-1381 or toll 706.548.1311

www.georgiacenter.uga.edu/hotel/

1197 S. Lumpkin St., Athens, GA 30602

Room Block Drops: 4/18/12

Reservation Code: *2012 Law School Graduation*

Rate: Classic Double Single (2 twins) is \$99.00 + 7% tax; Classic Single Queen or King is \$89.00 + 7% tax; Select Double or Queen (2 double beds or 2 queen beds) is \$119.00 + 7% tax; Handicap Queen (2 queen beds) is \$119.00 + 7% tax.

Holiday Inn Hotel 706.549.4433

www.hi-athens.com

197 E. Broad St., Athens, GA 30601

Room Block Drops: 4/26/12

Reservation Code: *LAW*

Rates: King Deluxe in Executive Tower is \$129.00+ 14% tax ;Deluxe King in North Tower is \$119.00 + 14% tax; Standard Two Double Beds in Central Tower is \$109.00 + 14% tax.

Holiday Inn Express 706.546-8122

www.hi-athens.com

513 W. Broad St.

Athens, GA 30601

Room Block Drops: 4/26/12

Reservation Code: *LAW*

Rate: Two Doubles or King Room is \$99.00 + 14% tax.

Hilton Garden Hotel 706.353.6800
www.hi-athens.com
390 E. Washington St., Athens, GA 30601
Room Block Drops: 4/26/12
Reservation Code: 00LG12
Rate: Standard King or Two Queens is \$149.00 + 14% tax. (parking \$9.95/per car per day)

Link to review all hotels available in Athens, GA:

<http://www.georgiahotels.com/>
or

www.visitathensga.com/stay_and_do/where_to_stay

**Schedule of Commencement Events
Friday, May 18**

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
School of Law open to guests of 2012 graduation candidates for self-guided tours.
6:00 p.m.
Cocktail Reception for Class of 2012 and their guests (*UGA Tate Student Center Addition, Grand Hall*)
7:30 p.m.
Dinner on your own

Saturday, May 19

8:30 a.m. - Assistance with Donning Regalia - Law school staff will be available in the student lounge on the first floor to assist individuals in donning their regalia. Tassel is to be worn over the left eye (*indicating you have already received a baccalaureate degree.*) You do not switch the tassel after receiving your law degree.
9:00 a.m. - Class Photograph will be taken (*Please begin congregating at 8:50 a.m. for the photo.*) The J.D. class photograph is scheduled to be taken at

9:00 a.m. sharp on the steps of the UGA Chapel located on the upper North Campus Quadrangle. LL.M. candidates will meet on the entrance steps of the Dean Rusk Center for their group photo at 9:15 a.m.

9:30 a.m. - Line Up for the Processional
All graduation candidates will begin to line up in alphabetical order by last name for the processional. Registrar will distribute index cards that have both your name and a number printed on them. The number helps to make lining up alphabetically much easier. The line will form starting at the edge of the Northeast corner of the law library and stretch down the sidewalk towards the UGA Chapel.

10:00 a.m. - Processional
The processional will start promptly at 10:00 a.m. and will be led by Athens-Clarke County Sheriff Ira Edwards.

Accepting Your Diploma Tube

After the speeches, the presentation of the LL.M. candidates and the conferring of degrees to the J.D. candidates, each graduate will walk across the graduation stage to accept a diploma tube as one of the Honorary Marshals reads their name aloud. The GradImages Photography Co. has been engaged to take individual photos as you cross the graduation stage and accept your diploma tube. Family members and friends are welcome to take their own photos of this particular moment. Space is limited in front of the stage so we ask that individual photographers only stay at the front to snap photos of their graduate and

then leave the area so others may come forward.

Diploma

The diploma tube you receive on Saturday does NOT contain your diploma. Diplomas will be mailed to graduates once all grades are in and honors have been determined (e.g., *cum laude, magna cum laude*, etc.) Generally, diplomas are mailed in late June. **For framing purposes, the size of the diploma you will receive is 12" x 15".**

Length of Commencement Ceremony

The ceremony can last anywhere from 75 minutes upwards to 90 minutes. Water stations are placed strategically thru the crowd and 3,000 folding chairs are set for guests. Additionally, there is plenty of standing room on North Campus, and the law school building will be open in the event a guest needs to go inside for awhile.

Rain Location

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Returning regalia and the diploma tube

After the graduation ceremony concludes and you have taken all the photos you want with friends and faculty members and you are ready to leave the quadrangle, **please return the gown, hood, tam, and diploma tube to the lobby area (outside classrooms A & B.)** The purple tassel is yours to keep.

Questions???

Ask any member of the Alumni Programs & Special Events Office. We are here to assist you in any way we can.

706.542.7959 or lawdawg@uga.edu

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**Sample Wording for School of Law
Graduation announcement**

(should you choose to print your own invitations)

The Faculty and Graduating Class
of the

University of Georgia School of Law
announce that

(insert candidate's name here)

is a candidate for the degree of
Juris Doctor (or Master of Laws)

at the

Commencement Exercises

on the morning of Saturday,

the nineteenth of May

two thousand and twelve

at ten o'clock

University of Georgia

North Campus Quadrangle

Athens, Georgia