

**MICHIGAN STATE**  
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**COLLEGE OF LAW**

**Commencement 2020 FAQ's for Graduates & Guests**

**Q: Where and when can I pick up my gown?**

A: Gowns can be picked up in the Law College Lobby from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday 5/6 and Thursday 5/7. If you cannot pick up your gown those days, they will be at the Breslin Center the day of graduation at the Student check-in area. Please arrive early if you are picking it up that day.

**Q: Can I have someone pick up my gown for me ahead of time?**

A: The gown company will only release your gown to someone else if they have written permission from you to release your gown.

**Q: Where is commencement and where can we park?**

A: Commencement is held at the Jack Breslin Student Events Center, 534 Birch Rd, East Lansing, MI 48824. Graduates and families can park on Ramp 7 (across the street). Please see the *Graduates & Guests Map* on the next page. Parking is free. MSU will have staff attendants near the Breslin Center to assist with parking questions. The Kellogg Center Ramp is a pay lot that is also available.

**Q: What time should graduates arrive? What time does the ceremony begin?**

A: **Graduates need to arrive by 10 am**, as you have several steps to complete before lining up for instructions and the processional. The processional begins promptly at 11:00 am, and the ceremony typically lasts approximately 2 hours.

**Q: Can I have personal belongings with me?**

A: No. Bags and purses are prohibited from the Breslin Center. A full list of permitted and prohibited items can be found on the Breslin Center's website: <http://breslincenter.com/content/commencement-ceremonies-no-bag-policy>

**Q: Can I have my cell phone with me?**

A: Yes, but you must put it on silent. Additionally, keep in mind that on stage you will be using both of your hands simultaneously. One hand to receive your diploma and one hand to shake the Dean's hand. Wearing an outfit underneath the gown that has a pocket for your phone is ideal.

**Q: Do we need tickets for our guests?**

A: No, and you are welcome to bring as many guests as you would like.

**Q: Where do we enter at the Breslin Center?**

A: Graduates should enter through Gilbert Pavilion and follow the "Graduate" signs to go downstairs, one flight, to the Mezzanine Level to check-in and line up.

**Q: Is there handicap seating available?**

A: Yes. If guests need a wheelchair or special assistance, they can go to Guest Services. As your guests enter through Gilbert Pavilion, they will turn right and just walk around the corner to Guest Services at Section 117.

**Q: What time should I plan to make a reservation for a family lunch?**

A: A 2:00 p.m. reservation should give you enough time. You might want to make a reservation ahead of time.

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# Graduates and Guests Map

