**Frequently Asked Questions**

**Does each engineering department host their own graduation ceremony?**
No, College of Engineering hosts one ceremony for all Engineering majors and only for College of Engineering students.

**Do I need to sign up to attend Engineering Graduation Ceremony?**
Yes, all details and sign up information is posted on the College of Engineering website under events section. For Fall graduation the information is posted at the end of October, and for Spring graduation the information is posted at the end of March.

**Does college of Engineering hold a graduation ceremony each semester?**
Yes, College of Engineering hosts an Engineering Graduation Ceremony each Fall and Spring Semester. University wide ceremony is only held in the Spring semester.
The following eligibility applies:
- Students graduating in the Spring semester (meaning all your coursework is completed in Spring) are eligible to participate in the Spring Graduation Ceremony.
- Students graduating in the Fall semester (meaning all your coursework is completed in Fall) are eligible to participate in the Fall ceremony.
- Students graduating in the Summer semester (meaning all your coursework is completed in Summer) are eligible to participate in the Fall Ceremony.

**Do I receive my diploma at the graduation ceremony?**
No, university does not provide the official diploma at the graduation. It takes approximately 6 months for you to receive your actual diploma after your last semester at the university. Contact the Registrar about actual diploma questions.

**What do I need to do in order to graduate?**
There is paperwork that you will need to fill out to officially graduate from the university. You can find out what forms you need to fill out here:
Graduate: [http://www.sjsu.edu/gape/current_students/deadlines/](http://www.sjsu.edu/gape/current_students/deadlines/)
Undergraduate: [http://www.sjsu.edu/registrar/students/graduation/index.html](http://www.sjsu.edu/registrar/students/graduation/index.html)

**Who can participate in the College of Engineering graduation ceremony?**
College of Engineering Recognition Ceremony is only for Engineering students. You can participate in the ceremony the semester of your graduation. For example, any student who graduated in the summer or fall can participate in the fall ceremony; or any student who graduated in the spring can participate in the spring graduation ceremony.

**How many guests can I bring?**
During the initial phase of graduation RSVP process (until RSVP deadline) each student may purchase up to 4 guest tickets. After the RSVP deadline date each semester any unsold tickets will be released and students may return and purchase additional tickets upon availability. However, during Spring semester the guest tickets do sell out so it’s important that you purchase yours as soon as possible. We do not guarantee tickets.

**Where can I purchase my regalia?**
You can purchase your regalia at the Spartan Bookstore, located in the Student Union.
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Do I need to purchase tickets for my guests?
Students graduating do not need to purchase tickets, only your guests do. You must RSVP with the College of Engineering before you can purchase your tickets. Within two business days of submitting your RSVP, you will be able to begin purchasing tickets.

Ticket cost:
* 23 months or younger do not require a ticket and entrance is free.
* Ages 2 and older require a ticket:
  - Age 2-12: $2
  - Age 12 and above: $10

Tickets are available at the Event Center Box Office, Monday to Friday 10AM-5PM and Saturday 10AM-12PM.

Wheelchair access will be needed for one of my guests, what should they do?
The event Center has designated wheelchair seating areas in each section, which are on the upper level of the event center. Follow these instructions:
- Wheelchair guests can be dropped off by the fountain which is in front of the event center.
- The driver should park the car in the 7th street parking garage.
- Wheelchair guests can enter the event center in the entrance located by the Sports Club. The event staff at the entrance will allow the person in wheelchair to enter through there. One of your guests should accompany the guest with wheelchair through this entrance and the rest of your guests should use the main guest entrance on the upper level.
- Once inside, proceed to the elevator which will be straight ahead. Go to the upper level and look for wheelchair access areas in each section. There will be plenty of event staff on hand, so if you have any questions, you can ask any of the staff.

How can I get a letter of proof of Graduation to help my family get a visitor’s visa?
The college will no longer provide letter for visa requests. Per the U.S. Department of State, such letters are no longer necessary when requesting visitor visas to the U.S. Most universities have discontinued offering this service, including SJSU. Per the International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) website, “invitation letters provided by Universities are not necessary and have no effect on visa issuance....Therefore, effective immediately, the IPS Office will no longer provide invitation letters to students for use in inviting relatives to visit them.” Rather than write letters, ISSS provides a template for students to write their own letters, should they wish to do so.
The DOS Visitor Visa Website at http://travel.state.gov/content/visas/english/visit/visitor.html states:

Note: Visa applicants must qualify on the basis of the applicant's residence and ties abroad, rather than assurances from U.S. family and friends. A letter of invitation or Affidavit of Support is not needed to apply for a nonimmigrant tourist visa. If you do choose to bring a letter of invitation or Affidavit of Support to your interview, please remember that it is not one of the factors that we use in determining whether to issue or deny a nonimmigrant tourist visa.