

# FAQs for 2023 Psychology Department Graduation Ceremony

## Highlights:

- It is our great pleasure to invite our 2023 Graduates to the Psychology Department's 2023 Graduation Ceremony, which will be celebrated on **Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**, in person on the **Quad**.
- Graduate line-up will be at 9 am in-person on the Quad.
- The **ceremony is scheduled to begin at 10am**
- **RSVP is required via this form:**  
<https://forms.office.com/r/2hNcPX1kxG>
- **Guest Attendance will be limited to 10 per person.**

## Where is the Psychology Department ceremony?

The ceremony will be held outdoors on the QC Quad. Graduating students will be given instructions closer to the event date concerning line-up location.

## What time should I arrive?

Graduates need to arrive at 9am to check-in and join the line-up. We will distribute name cards and photographer cards during this period. We will inform you of the location for the line-up closer to the event date.

## What time should my guests arrive?

Details forthcoming. The ceremony will begin promptly at 10am. We advise arriving early; there may be lines at Security for campus access.

## How long is the ceremony?

Approximately 90 minutes. Please ask your guests to remain seated throughout the entire ceremony. Out of respect for your fellow graduates, please plan on remaining for the entire ceremony.

### **What should I wear?**

Graduating students should be dressed in cap & gown. Information about how to buy one can be found here: <https://collegegrad.herffjones.com/>.

### **Do Guests need a ticket?**

No. Not for this event. Seating is unassigned (first come, first serve).

### **What happens at the Psychology Department Ceremony?**

At our ceremony, graduating students will walk across the stage and have their name called. You will receive a NAME CARD to bring on stage and hand it to the presenter who will then announce your name.

### **How will the announcer know how to pronounce my name?**

When you submit your RSVP, you will have the option to write your name out phonetically (write it as it sounds) so that it will be pronounced correctly.

### **Will the event be photographed?**

Yes, there will be a professional photographer on stage. If you want to be contacted by the photographer to receive proofs after the ceremony for purchase, provide your contact information to the photographer when you are in the processional line-up.

The Photographer is: Island Photography

### **Can my guests take photographs?**

Yes, guests are welcome to take photographs.

### **Can my guests park on campus?**

We are asking the campus security if we will have access to any QC Parking Lots, and will keep everyone posted.

Regardless, we recommend to please remind guests to leave a lot of extra time in case they need to park off campus

### **Will there be any food served?**

No refreshments will be served at the Psychology ceremony. Water fountains and restrooms are available throughout the campus.

### **I also want to attend the College-wide Commencement ceremony....**

This is a **separate event** and will be held the day before the Psychology Dept ceremony. College Commencement event is scheduled for Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. Students must RSVP separately to the Commencement Office, and can find all

the information you need about the other event here:

<https://www.qc.cuny.edu/ce/>

### **Psychology Department Honors:**

Honors in Psychology are granted automatically to any graduating Psych major with

- an overall GPA of at least 3.50 **AND**
- a Psych GPA of 3.60 or higher.

A list of our 2023 Honors awardees is posted to our website here:

<https://www.qc.cuny.edu/academics/psychology/honors-2023/>

Honors will be announced during the ceremony when the graduate crosses the stage. Honors awardees will also receive an Honors certificate from the Department. The certificate will be mailed to the mailing address listed in CUNYfirst.

### **I will be completing my degree requirements during the Summer 2023 semester. Can I still participate in the graduation ceremony?**

Yes! Note: While you may participate, please keep in mind that only the names of students who applied for graduation according to the deadline dates will be displayed on the program. Also, Department Honors are not calculated until after you've completed your summer coursework.

*If your question was not addressed here, please feel free to ask questions in the comments of the RSVP form, and a staff member will get back to you as soon as possible.*

*Additional Ceremony Details will be sent to the email that you provide on your RSVP closer to the ceremony date!*

*Congratulations on your achievements! We are looking forward to celebrating with all of you!*