UPDATED FAQs for

Psychology Department's Graduation Ceremony

Friday, May 31, 2024

Highlights:

- It is our great pleasure to invite our 2024 Graduates to the Psychology
 Department's Graduation Ceremony, which will be celebrated on Friday, May 31st
 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 10 am.
- Graduates must RSVP via this form: https://forms.office.com/r/vf1KxEUDpH
- Guest Ticket are REQUIRED (see below information on Campus Access):

Campus Access Information for the Psychology Graduation Ceremony on Friday, May 31st:

- Graduating students must present their QC or CUNY ID Card to Public Safety.
- Guest Ticket are REQUIRED:
 - o Graduating Students must submit the <u>Guest Request Access Form</u> (you will need to sign-in using your CUNYFirst or QC ID to access the form).
 - Submit this form for EACH guest individually. One guest name per form.
 - You will receive an email approval from Public Safety for each submission.
 - Give EACH guest a printout of the Approval with their name. This is their entry ticket- They will need to present it to Public Safety.
 - Email your guests a Digital Copy of the Approval with their name. They can show it on their mobile device if they lose the printed ticket.
 - Inform your guests to bring a ID card with their name, in case Public Safety asks them to show it.
 - Share the link below with your guests, so that they know which campus gates will be open:
 - https://www.qc.cuny.edu/a/campus-access/
 - Campus Parking is limited, it is first-come, first-served.

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 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 10 am. We advise arriving early; there may be lines at Security for campus access. Also, keep in mind that parking is first come, first served.

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/

Comfortable shoes are suggested as you will be on the Quad/grass.

Do Guests need a ticket?

YES. Guest Tickets are required for campus entry.

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 fill out your NAME CARD, you will have the option to write your name out phonetically (write it as it sounds) so that it will be pronounced correctly.

Can my guests park on campus?

Campus Parking is very limited. It is first-come, first-served.

Please remind guests to leave a lot of extra time in case they need to park off campus.

Will the event be photographed?

Yes, there will be a professional photographer on stage. <u>If you want to be contacted</u> 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 will provide a card with a QR Code to scan and submit your information. The Photographer is: Island Photography

Can my guests take photographs?

Yes, guests are welcome to take photographs. However, this must be done in orderly fashion and they may <u>not</u> approach nor go on the stage for safety reasons.

Will there be any food served?

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

Can I also attend the College-wide Commencement ceremony?

Yes, they are two separate events! College-wide Commencement is a separate event and will be held <u>the day before</u> the Psychology Department ceremony. College Commencement event is scheduled for Thursday, May 30th. Students must RSVP separately to the Commencement Office & need Eventbrite tickets for your guests. You can find all the information you need about the other event here: https://www.qc.cuny.edu/ce/

Do I get Psychology Department Honors?

Honors in Psychology are granted automatically to any graduating Psychology BA major with an overall GPA of at least 3.50 AND Psych GPA of 3.60 or higher. A list of our 2024 Honors awardees is posted to our website here: https://www.qc.cuny.edu/academics/psychology/honors-2024/

Honors will be announced during the ceremony when each 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.

Can Summer 2024 graduates 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 or email QC_Psychology@qc.cuny.edu and we 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!