



**WEST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE  
57<sup>TH</sup> COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY  
REHEARSAL GUIDELINES & FAQ**

**Commencement program activities:**

- 3:00 PM            Graduation Reception for Graduates & Guests**  
Location: Wildcat Walkway (between the HLRC/Library and Math & Science Building [MSA])
- 4:30 PM            Graduates Line Up by Highest Degree or Certificate Earned – Look for Signs**  
Associate Degrees and Certificates: Line up near the Library.  
Bachelor's Degree: Line up near the Career Education (CE) Building.
- 5:00 PM            Commencement Ceremony begins**  
The platform party (faculty, staff, administrators, and VIP guests) will begin the ceremony by walking in the processional to the stage.

**Other information:**

- **Parking:** Parking is free. The main parking areas are the South Parking Structure and Lot 8A. Lot A and Lot 1 are reserved for disabled parking only. Disabled passenger loading and unloading is available at the bus stop near the Student Services Building (SSB). Please refer to the map on p. 2.
- **2025 Graduation Live Stream:** <https://www.youtube.com/live/FJ0SbcRDGTQ>  
West LA College YouTube channel: **West Los Angeles College 2025 Commencement Ceremony**
- **Graduation Rehearsals:** Friday, June 6, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. and Monday, June 9, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. Location: Both rehearsals meet in front of MSA on the top tier of campus. You only need to attend one.

**FAQ:**

**1. What time do I have to be on campus for graduation?**

A reception begins at 3:00 PM on Wildcat Walkway, where graduates and their guests can enjoy refreshments. Graduate line-up starts at 4:30 PM—please arrive by then at the latest.

**2. Where can I get the cap and gown?**

Caps and gowns are on sale at the WLAC Bookstore. Regular Hours: M-Th from 9 AM – 4 PM, Fri from 9 AM to 1 PM. Special Hour: 9 AM - 5 PM on Commencement Day. Cap and gown \$47.95+tax (\$52.63). Special program graduation sashes are \$45.95-\$49.95.

**3. Will I receive my diploma on Tuesday, June 10?**

You will receive a diploma cover during the ceremony. Your official diploma will be available later—you'll receive a notification from the Admissions & Records Office once it's ready.

**4. How many guests are allowed to attend?**

Due to limited seating on the SSB Lawn, we recommend inviting no more than five guests. Additional guests are welcome to watch the ceremony via the YouTube Live Stream, available through the WLAC homepage under "Events."

**5. I have a family member with a disability. Where can they go for an accommodation for the Ceremony?**

A designated seating area for guests with disabilities will be available in front of the Career Education (CE) Building. One companion may accompany each guest in this area.

**6. What type of accommodation can I receive if I have a disability?**

Accommodations vary depending on your needs—for example, front-row seating and accessible entry for mobility assistance. Reserved seats are available in the front row on the ramp-accessible side of the stage. If needed, you may enter through the back of the Student Services Building (SSB).

To request a special seating permit, email [nesiavc@wla.edu](mailto:nesiavc@wla.edu). Show this permit to campus security at the designated back entrance.

**7. Is there a recommendation on what shoes to wear?**

Yes. Since the ceremony takes place on a lawn and involves walking up and down stairs, we strongly recommend avoiding spike heels or high heels, as they may cause tripping or sink into the grass.

**8. Can I leave after my name is called and I cross the stage?**

Graduates are expected to remain seated for the duration of the ceremony, which lasts approximately two hours. Commencement is a formal and respectful event that honors the achievements of all graduates. Leaving early disrupts the experience for others—please help maintain the dignity of the ceremony by staying until the conclusion.

**9. How will the name callers know my name? Do we have to line up alphabetically?**

No, you do not need to line up alphabetically. A name card and pencil will be provided in a bag at your seat on the ceremony lawn. You'll fill out your name card and hand it to the announcer when it's your turn to cross the stage.

**10. How will I get the photo the photographer takes of me crossing the stage?**

Photography is provided by **GradImages**. You can view and purchase your photos at [GradImages.com](http://GradImages.com) by using the "Find My Photos" link and entering your last name, school name, and commencement year.

We encourage you to register in advance on their website to receive **20% off a purchase of \$50 or more**—registration must be completed by **June 9, 2025**. Photographers will link your name card (see #9) to your images, so be sure to write your name and contact information clearly.

**11. Where are the available restrooms located?**

- On Wildcat Walkway: Fine Arts Building, Library/HLRC, and CE Building
- Near the SSB Lawn: Bungalow B7 and the GC Building (both for guest use)



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