

May 2, 2024

Dear Graduate,

Congratulations! As the Dean and Interim Associate Dean of the College of Social Sciences, we are proud of you and the dedication, persistence, hard work, and passion it took for you to reach this milestone in your educational career.

In order to recognize graduating students individually, the college will hold its commencement on Friday, May 17, 2024, at the Save Mart Center, beginning promptly at 10:30 A.M. and concluding at 12:00 P.M. Tickets are not required. All guests are welcome.

Event Information for Students

Academic regalia is required and may be purchased at the Kennel Bookstore. Honor cords will be available for pickup from your major department for the last time on May 14, 2024. Honor cords will not be available for pick up on the day of the event, so be sure to bring your honor cords with your regalia to the event. Please do not wear your cap and gown before you arrive at the Save Mart Center as you will need to pass through security at the top of the loading dock. Do not bring purses, backpacks, etc., as there is no secure place for these items.

Students should plan to arrive by 8:45 A.M. and gather at the Save Mart Center loading dock located at the northeast corner, lower level of the building. Parking will be relaxed on the day of the ceremony. However, be aware another ceremony will be taking place until 9:30 A.M. Students will start the processional onto the floor promptly at 10:00 A.M. Please note that children should remain in the guest seating area and cannot cross the stage with graduates.

Please visit our website <https://socialsciences.fresnostate.edu/news/commencement.html> for seating information for students who may need accommodations and other helpful information.

Event Information for Guests

Please inform your family, supporters and friends that balloon bouquets are not allowed in the Save Mart Center. Graduates and guests are held to the Save Mart Center's Entry Policies: <https://savemartcenter.com/about/venue-entry-requirements/>.

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Please let your guests know that while parking is relaxed on the day of the ceremony and that guests may arrive and be seated at any time, there is a ceremony that precedes ours that ends at 9:30 A.M.

Guests who need accommodations should contact the Save Mart Center at (559) 278-3400.

We hope you will be able to attend this very special event for the College of Social Sciences, and for all our students.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth A. Lowham

Dean, College of Social Sciences



Jennifer Randles,

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