

COUNTDOWN TO GRADUATION



1 APPLY. Go to Wolverine Access now and fill out a short form.



2 GET RELEASED. Contact each of your departments (major, minor, supplemental studies) to request a release.



3 RECEIVE & REVIEW. Check your email for your official degree audit.



4 COMPLETE. Finish remaining requirements.



Applying for Graduation

Go to *Wolverine Access-->Student Center-->My Academics-->Apply for Graduation* and follow the prompts. If you experience difficulty in the online application process or if you need to change your date of graduation, email lsa.auditors@umich.edu.



The Major/Minor Release(s)

A release is an official document from each of the department in which you are declared that indicates progress toward completing the major/minor and outlines any remaining requirements. You must make separate appointments with an advisor for each LSA major and minor you have declared. Your release should be submitted the term prior to graduation (the suggested deadline is October 1st for May graduates). This way, you still have one registration period to make adjustments to your schedule if your release reveals you have overlooked a requirement. Releases should be submitted even if you have not finished all the courses required for your major/minor.



The Official Degree Audit

Your Official Degree Audit will be triggered upon submission of all releases *and* your application to graduate. You do not need to meet with an LSA advisor; it is initiated automatically. The LSA auditors audit your LSA and distribution requirements, total credits, GPA, and rely on the releases to audit major/minor requirements. You will receive your Official Degree Audit via your UMich email. The email you receive is an official University document—read it carefully.

Your official degree audit should be complete before you register for your final semester. This way, you know exactly what the requirements are left to fulfil before a degree is conferred and you still have time to make any necessary schedule changes.



Finish all remaining requirements outlined in your Official Degree Audit

THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY GRADUATION RECEPTION

Friday, May 1st, 2020
Michigan Union – Rogel Ballroom
3:00-4:30pm

Invitations and RSVP forms will be sent in March 2020

What is the Sociology Graduate Reception?

Program

Doors open at 3pm. Light refreshments will be served. A 45-minute program begins promptly at 3:30pm. The program includes the announcement of each attending sociology graduate's name with congratulatory handshakes from the administrative faculty, as well as the presentation of a Sociology stole and certificate of completion. A graduating senior will deliver a speech and a slideshow of all graduates will conclude the program.

Speech

One graduating Sociology earns the opportunity to deliver a speech at the reception. If you are interested in being selected as the speaker, you can submit a five minute speech (no more than 1000 words). More information will be provided in early March.

Slideshow

Each student who submits a profile and a photo and plans to attend the reception will have an individual slide in the slideshow. It is fun for everyone, especially friends and relatives in attendance. The best part is that you can acknowledge those who supported or inspired you during your undergraduate experience. More information will be provided once you RSVP.

FREQUENTLY-ASKED QUESTIONS

What if I graduate in the fall term (December)?

You are invited to attend the Sociology Graduation Reception in April. You will receive the invitation and information just as a winter graduate would.

My GPA is high. Does that mean I graduate with Honors?

No, the only students who will graduate with Honors are those who complete a thesis. However, the University *does* confer degrees with distinction (i.e. general, high, highest). The GPAs cutoffs are varying levels of the top 25% of the graduating senior class, which is subject to change every year based on the previous graduating class. More information: <https://lsa.umich.edu/advising/graduation/diplomas-distinction.html>

Where do I go to get my cap and gown? How do I know what color tassel I should buy?

The Michigan bookstore stocks academic attire. Most Sociology students receive Bachelor of Arts degrees and need to buy white tassels. If you are completing a Bachelor of Science, buy a yellow tassel.

What color cord(s) can/should I buy?

Mainstream LSA students may choose a cord of any color or multiple colors, as there are no specific guidelines. Cords can be purchased at the bookstores or the Student Publications Office when they have the grad extravaganza event. Residential College (RC) and Honors students should contact their respective programs.

What about information on tickets and parking for University Commencement?

Check out the *Graduate's Guide to Commencement* at umich.edu/~gradinfo for more details about the logistics of University Commencement.

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| lsa.umich.edu/advising/graduation | Information and links for graduating LSA students |
| mylsaauditchecklist.lsa.umich.edu | Unofficial checklist (used before receiving official degree audit) |
| umich.edu/~gradinfo | Up-to-the-minute details on University Commencement |
| oami.umich.edu/events-celebrations/ | Office of Academic Multicultural Initiatives |
| careercenter.umich.edu | The Career Center |
| alumni.umich.edu | The Alumni Association |