

2024 UMGC Guam Commencement Schedule of Events



Dear Graduates and Graduate Candidates:

Congratulations on earning your degree with University of Maryland Global Campus Asia. We are pleased that you will be able to attend the **2024 Guam Commencement**, which will be held on **Saturday, May 4, 2024, at 11:00am, at the Hilton Guam Resort & Spa in Tumon Bay, Guam**. We are looking forward to sharing this memorable occasion with you, your family, and your guests.

The Schedule of Events for the day of commencement is as follows:

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| 8:30am – 9:30am | Graduate Check-in and Line-up: Graduates will be directed to a location at the hotel to check-in and robe. Please have your pre-purchased regalia out of the packaging and wrinkle-free (see below on regalia). Graduate marshals will provide guidance about where and how to assemble. |
| 8:00am - 9:30am | Commencement Portraits: Optional opportunity to have your graduation photos taken in your regalia by a professional photographer. Your family members are also welcome to have their photos taken. The cost of the photos is based on vendor pricing. |
| 9:30pm – 10:30am | Pre-processional & Dress Rehearsal: Graduates will receive a ceremony briefing, including a practice run of the processional and recessional in full regalia. After the practice run, graduates will immediately reassemble at the check-in location until the processional begins. |
| 10:30am - 11:00am | Guest Seating: Doors will be open for guest seating at 10:30am. Due to space limitations, you may bring up to four guests. Children are welcome but if your child becomes restless, please take them to the lobby. |
| 11:00am | Processional begins: Graduates will march from the formation area to the main hall, followed by faculty and the platform party. |
| 12:00pm - 14:00pm | Post-Commencement Reception: A reception honoring the graduates will be held shortly after the commencement ceremony concludes. |

Contact commencement-asia@umgc.edu if you have any questions or if a change occurs in your plans to attend the ceremony.

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Please see the following for details about our Commencement Ceremony:

RSVP: Please confirm if you plan to attend the ceremony via the unique link sent to you via email. If you haven't received your link by March 1, 2024, [email commencement-asia@umgc.edu](mailto:email-commencement-asia@umgc.edu).

Regalia and Commencement Invitations: You must order your **commencement regalia (cap and gown)** through [Oak Hall](#) no later than **April 6** to allow time for shipping. No regalia will be available for rental or purchase on the day of the event. Shipping to an APO/FPO address is considered domestic shipping (not international, even if the location is outside of the USA). Oak Hall also provides stoles (active duty service, retired service, and gratitude) for purchase. Honor cords will be provided by UMGC for graduates who have earned them.

If you would like to order **commencement invitations**, you can order official UMGC Asia invitations at: <https://www.cbgrad.com/>. When you enter the ordering portal, select "state," "school," and "month" of ceremony to get started. Please choose "Maryland" as the state, "University of Maryland Global Campus Asia" as the school and "April" as the month of the ceremony. Then click on "Get Started."

Dress Code: All graduates are required to wear regalia (graduation cap and gown) to commencement. We encourage you to wear appropriate business casual attire under your gown. We recommend comfortable shoes because there will be prolonged periods of standing and walking throughout the day. Guests are not permitted to accompany graduates to the robing area. Note that Graduates are **not** permitted to have any items -- purses, cameras, cell phones, etc.-- in their hands when they line-up and the graduation gowns do not have pockets. Please leave all items with your guest, or in your car or room. **Please be sure to remove your gown from the packing material and hang it to remove wrinkles prior to the ceremony day. We recommend that you STEAM your gown to remove creases and wrinkles. Use care with irons since a hot iron can burn the fabric easily.**

Guests: Due to space constraints, each graduate may have up to 4 guests attend the ceremony. Children are welcome at the ceremony but to maintain the formal atmosphere, please take restless children out of the venue space.

If you have any questions regarding the Guam Commencement Ceremony, or the other UMGC Asia Commencements, please see our [UMGC Asia Commencement](#) website or e-mail our [commencement team](#).

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