



ST. JOHN'S
UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF LAW

Class of 2022
Commencement
Guide
Sunday, May 22, 2022



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Important Dates

Monday, April 4 through Friday, May 6, 2022

Commencement Ticket Distribution
Career Development Office (Room 3-27)
See page 7 for details

Thursday, April 21, 2022

DEADLINE FOR ORDERING CAP AND GOWN

See Academic Attire on pg. 5

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

Academic Attire Distribution
10 am to 2 pm.
Law School / (room TBD)

Sunday, May 22, 2022

1 pm	Academic Attire Distribution TBD
2 pm	Commencement Mass St. Thomas More Church
4 pm	Commencement Ceremony Carnesecca Arena
	Reception Taffner Field House Immediately Following

Friday, May 13, 2022

All lockers must be emptied by Friday, May 13th, 2022. If you are taking the July Bar Exam and would like to continue using your locker, please fill out the locker request form on the Online Student Center (under Resources) on or **before May 6th**.

Honoree/Commencement Speaker

To be announced.

Commencement Day Timeline

Sunday, May 22, 2022

- 2:00 pm** **Commencement Mass (optional)**
St. Thomas More Church
- 3:00 pm** **Student Arrival and Line-up**
Taffner Field House
- 3:50 pm** **Commencement Procession Begins promptly at 3:50 pm**
Carnesecca Arena
- 4:00 pm** **Commencement Ceremony**
(Ceremony is approximately 2 hours)
Carnesecca Arena

Followed by Commencement Reception in Taffner Field House

Dinner Reservations:

We recommend making dinner reservations no earlier than 7:00 p.m. on commencement day depending on the location. Please note the ceremony will take approximately 2 hours. All are welcome to attend the Commencement Reception in Taffner Field House immediately following the ceremony.

Graduate Photography

Photos of each graduate will be taken during the ceremony by GradImages (www.gradimages.com). Each graduate will receive an e-mail containing their photo for purchase approximately one week after Commencement. *The e-mail will be sent to graduates' official St. John's e-mail accounts.*

Academic Attire

To order your cap and gown, click [here](#), your order deadline is **Thursday, April 21, 2022**. You may have your regalia shipped to your home address or to the Law School. Gowns shipped to the Law School will be distributed on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, from 10 am to 2 pm. Last call for gown distribution is scheduled for Sunday, May 22, 2022, Commencement Day, at 10 am. If you have any questions regarding the ordering attire, please contact Iris Diaz at 718/990-1950 or diazi@stjohns.edu.

Juris Doctorates (JDs)

THE DEADLINE FOR YOUR ORDER IS Thursday, April 21, 2022

JDs will receive the following attire for the commencement ceremony:

Cap:	Black velvet tam (cap)
Gown:	Red doctoral gown with black chevrons
Hood:	Received during ceremony

LL.M. Graduates

To order your cap and gown, click [here](#), your order deadline is **Thursday, April 21, 2022**. You may have your regalia shipped to your home address or to the Law School. Gowns shipped to the Law School will be distributed on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, from 10 am to 2 pm. Last call for gown distribution is scheduled for Sunday, May 22, 2022, Commencement Day, at 10 am. If you have any questions regarding the ordering attire, please contact Iris Diaz at 718/990-1950 or diazi@stjohns.edu.

THE DEADLINE FOR YOUR ORDER IS Thursday, April 21, 2022

You will receive the following attire for the commencement ceremony:

LLM in Bankruptcy

Cap:	Black velvet tam (cap)
Gown:	Black doctoral gown with purple chevrons
Hood:	Purple velvet doctorate hood with a silk lining that will correspond with the colors of the school from which you received your Juris Doctorate

LLM in US Legal Studies and Transnational Legal Practice

Cap:	Black velvet tam (cap)
Gown:	Black doctoral gown with purple chevrons
Hood:	Purple velvet doctorate hood from St. John's University

Academic Attire Distribution:

OPTION 1

Home Shipping:

For your convenience, you have the option to have your gown shipped to your home for a small fee. Details are on the ordering website.

OPTION 2

Academic attire will also be distributed as follow for those not using the home ship option:

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Law School

If you are unable to pick up your academic attire on the above date, distribution will also take place on the day of Commencement:

Sunday, May 22, 2022

TBD

1 pm

If you have any questions regarding the ordering attire, please contact Iris Diaz at 718/990-1950 or diazi@stjohns.edu.

Diploma Information

Student should enter the name they want on their diploma on UIS/Student/Graduation. If a diploma name is not entered, the diploma will be ordered using the official name in UIS.

Diplomas will be available for pickup in July. Students will receive an email once diplomas are ready. Any diploma not picked up will be mailed to the graduate's address listed in UIS. If you have a change of address after completing the graduation application, please update your profile on UIS so that you will receive all important commencement and post graduation information.

Ticket Information

Each graduate will receive **10** tickets to Commencement.

Ticket Distribution:

Monday, April 4 through Friday, May 6, 2022

Career Development Office – Room 3-27

To obtain graduation tickets, you must first fill out the on-line graduation application and complete an exit interview. To schedule your exit interview, please contact your Career Development counselor or the Career Development Office at (718) 990-6614 to make an appointment with your counselor. During the exit interview, you will meet with your counselor to discuss how he or she can continue to assist you following graduation. In addition, your counselor will collect important information about your post-graduation employment status. As you know, law schools are under an obligation to collect accurate and complete employment information on every graduate. Please arrive 5 minutes early so you can complete a graduate employment survey. The exit interview will last approximately 15 minutes. Once you have completed these steps, you will be eligible to receive your tickets to the Commencement Exercises, which will be distributed by the Career Development Office.

Additional tickets will be distributed during academic attire distribution on Tuesday, May 17, 2022. Additional tickets are limited and will be distributed to graduates on a first come, first served basis. If you do not plan on using all of your tickets, please give them to those graduates that need them.

Guest Requiring Special Assistance

For guests in need of special assistance or seating accommodations for guests with disabilities, tickets are available through the Office of Special Events. Tickets can be picked up at the following times:

Starting Monday, May 2, 2022 – May 17, 2022

Monday thru Thursday | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Room 4-56

or

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

Academic Attire Distribution

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

If you have any questions, please contact Iris Diaz at 718/990-1950 or diazi@stjohns.edu.

Venue Information

The majority of the seats in Carnesecca Arena are bleacher seats. Guests are permitted to take photos during the ceremony; however, we ask that guests remain in your seat while doing so.

. Please see information regarding special assistance on page 7 if you require special seating. No food or drink permitted.

Hotels, Campus Map and Directions

For hotel information, directions to St. John's University's Queens Campus and a campus map please click here: <https://www.stjohns.edu/about/campuses-and-locations/queens-campus/directions-area-hotels>

Parking Information

The campus will be open for vehicle parking on a first come first served basis. Participants and family members are urged to arrive early for parking on campus. All the university gates will be open. Additional off campus parking is available on the immediate perimeter of the University but may require a short walk to St. Thomas More Church and Carnesecca Arena. Motorists are advised that parking in traditionally restricted zones such as blocking fire hydrants, fire lanes and handicapped parking spots will not be permitted and may result in a fine or towing of the violator's vehicle. The need for a campus parking permit will be suspended for the day of commencement.

Any persons with special needs may call the St. Johns Public Safety Department at (718) 990-6281. Escorts and handicapped parking will be available.

Covid regulation updated guidance recommendations will be communicated to graduates as policies are updated.

Notice to Guests

The Department of Public Safety would like to advise all attendees of the School of Law Commencement of the security and safety measures that will be in place. Your patience, understanding, and most importantly, your cooperation will be greatly appreciated. The Department of Public Safety will be working closely with the New York City Police Department and will assign Officers to all the entrance points to the ceremony and will be checking bags and packages. Please only bring necessary items and please review the list below for items that are not allowed:

- Backpacks
- No handbags or tote bags bigger than 10"x10"x10"
- Sealed packages of any kind
- Bottles or cans (glass or metal)
- Aerosol cans or noisemaking devices
- Alcoholic beverages
- Animals (unless a service animal)
- Flags, banners, or signs
- Any materials constituting unauthorized advertising or promotion
- Laser pointing devices

These enhanced security measures are intended to ensure this special day is enjoyable for our graduates and their families by providing a safe and secure venue for the Commencement ceremony. We thank all in advance for their cooperation.

Thank you for your cooperation and congratulations!! If you have questions concerning the Commencement Exercises, please feel free to contact Nancy Brady at 718 990-1946, bradyn@stjohns.edu / Iris Diaz at 718/990-1950 or diazi@stjohns.edu / Stephanie Polo at 718 990-6320, polos@stjohns.edu.