

Commencement Travel FAQ

Purpose: To provide students with answers to commonly asked questions regarding the commencement ceremony.

Q: What is included in the trip?

A: Students are responsible for all travel costs. The University of Arizona Global Campus (Global Campus) offers the option of discounted hotel accommodations. Please access via the link that was sent to you. Additionally, when the information becomes available, the link will be found on our [Commencement website](#).

Q: What airport will I fly in to?

A: There are two airport options: Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport (PHX) or Phoenix-Mesa Gateway (IWA)

Q: Does Global Campus offer a shuttle from the hotel to the commencement venue? If not, how do I get to the venue?

A: Unfortunately, no. Students can rent cars, utilize taxi-type services such as Uber or Lyft, local bus or trolley services.

Q: When should I arrive at the airport for my departing flight?

A: Some airlines have arrival time estimates, arriving 2-3 before departure time is best practice

<https://www.skyharbor.com/flying-from-phx/travel-tips/>

Q: What is the hotel cancellation policy?

A: This is dependent upon which hotel you have **selected, so please be sure to review your hotel's policies carefully when you book.**

Q: What is the attire for this trip?

The only attire required are the caps and gowns for Commencement, check the weather reports to pack properly: <https://weather.com/Glendale+AZ>

Follow this link to find out up to date [Commencement](#) Information. Also look for the Commencement Newsletter one month prior to the ceremony for more specific timelines, agendas, attire information, etc.

Q: Can I bring my family on the trip?

A: Absolutely! There is no limit to the number of friends and family who may attend.

Q: How long does it take to travel to the Phoenix Airports from the graduation Ceremony at the Desert Diamond Arena?

A: The actual distance between the commencement venue and the airports are:

Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport is ~22 miles. Google directions estimate 25 minutes by car. However, you will need to take into consideration traffic, exit time from the parking structure at the venue, return of a rental car, etc. Please note that these aspects can add considerable time to the trip.

Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport is ~55 miles. Google directions estimate 50 minutes by car. However, you will need to take into consideration traffic, exit time from the parking structure at the venue, return of a rental car, etc. Please note that these aspects can add considerable time to the trip.

Q: Is there a place where I can store my luggage during the ceremony?

A: Unfortunately, we do not have a space to store luggage at the graduation ceremony. It is recommended you speak with your hotel or leave baggage in your vehicle.

Q: What would you recommend I see while I am in Glendale?

A: Check out <https://visitglendale.com/things-to-do/> for a list of things to do.