The University of Chicago honors a longstanding tradition by gathering as a community to confer degrees to candidates who have completed their courses of study. We call this ceremony Convocation, a term denoting ritual assembly, rather than commencement or graduation. For us, this is a moment to celebrate individual achievement as well as institutional continuity.

The first convocation was celebrated in January 1893. Since then, the University has held at least four convocations every year. Most convocations mark the end of an academic quarter; others are held to inaugurate University presidents or to commemorate significant institutional milestones. The convocation held on Saturday, June 9, 2012, will be the 511th in the University’s 120 year history.

The 511th Convocation ceremony, like the first one, brings the entire University together to witness the conferring of degrees to individuals across the divisions and schools. More than 20,000 candidates and attendees will share in this festive occasion. At other ceremonies held by the divisions and schools, degree candidates will be honored individually through the presentation of diplomas and/or hoods.

Within this booklet you will find a schedule of the times and locations for the many ceremonies and events celebrating convocation. You will also find other helpful information you can use as you plan your visit to campus. Please keep this booklet with you as convocation weekend approaches and visit convocation.uchicago.edu for the most current information and weather-related alerts (if necessary).

This will be an exciting and memorable day for graduating students. We look forward to seeing family and friends celebrating in their achievement.

Convocation Overview

THE 511TH CONVOCA TION will take place on Saturday, June 9, 2012, at 9:15 a.m. and will be held outdoors (rain or shine) on the University’s Main Quadrangle. All candidates will participate in this ceremony, during which the president will confer degrees to groups of candidates by degree type and academic program. Individual divisions and schools will hold separate ceremonies or receptions at which degree candidates will receive their diplomas individually from their deans. The president will continue the longstanding practice of directly presenting diplomas to each graduate of the College.

SATURDAY, JUNE 9

7:00 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. Main Quadrangle opens

8:15 a.m. to 8:55 a.m. Degree candidates assemble in designated areas

9:00 a.m. All guests are requested to be in their seats.

9:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. 511th Convocation Address, Main Quadrangle

11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. See schedule on pages 2–3 for details on lunches, receptions, and ceremonies for each division and school.
**The College**

**Baccalaureate Service**  
Friday, June 8, at 3:00 p.m., Rockefeller Memorial Chapel  
A celebration of the Chicago experience, featuring performances, readings, and the Remains of Education Address. Tickets are not required for this event. A video simulcast will be available in Max Paleyovski Cinema, Ida Noyes Hall.

**Dessert Reception**  
Friday, June 8, at 7:30 p.m., Museum of Science and Industry  
At 8:30 p.m. in the Main Rotunda, there will be a toast to the Class of 2012 and a presentation of the Senior Class Gift to John W. Boyer, Dean of the College, and Robert J. Zimmer, President of the University.

**Division of the Biological Sciences**  
**Confering of Degrees, 511th Convocation**  
Saturday, June 9, at 9:15 a.m., Main Quadrangle  
**Lunch**  
Saturday, June 9, at noon, Biological Sciences Learning Center (BSLC)

**Chicago Booth School of Business**  
**Confering of Degrees, 511th Convocation**  
Saturday, June 9, at 9:15 a.m., Main Quadrangle  
**Lunch**  
Saturday, June 9, at noon, Charles M. Harper Center, Chicago Booth

**Diploma Ceremony**  
Saturday, June 9, at 1:00 p.m., Main Quadrangle

**Post-Convocation College Reception**  
Saturday, June 9, at 3:30 p.m., Social Science, Harper, and Classics Quadrangles. Graduates, families, friends, and faculty celebrate the Class of 2012.

**Division of the Biological Sciences and the Pritzker School of Medicine**  
**Hooding Ceremony**  
Friday, June 8, at 10:00 a.m., Rockefeller Memorial Chapel  
**Confering of Degrees, 511th Convocation**  
Saturday, June 9, at 9:15 a.m., Main Quadrangle  
**Diploma Distribution, Lunch**  
Saturday, June 9, at noon, Biological Sciences Learning Center (BSLC)

**Divinity School**  
**Confering of Degrees, 511th Convocation**  
Saturday, June 9, at 9:15 a.m., Main Quadrangle  
**Lunch**  
Saturday, June 9, at noon, Bond Chapel  
Reception to follow, Third Floor Lecture Hall, Swift Hall

**Graham School**  
**Confering of Degrees, 511th Convocation**  
Saturday, June 9, at 9:15 a.m., Main Quadrangle  
**Lunch**  
Saturday, June 9, at noon, National Room, International House  
**Diploma and Certificate Ceremony**  
Saturday, June 9, at 1:30 p.m., Assembly Hall, International House

**Harris School of Public Policy Studies**  
**Confering of Degrees, 511th Convocation**  
Saturday, June 9, at 9:15 a.m., Main Quadrangle  
**Diploma and Hooding Ceremony**  
Saturday, June 9, at noon, Mandel Hall  
Reception to follow, Hutchinson Courtyard

**Division of the Humanities**  
**Confering of Degrees, 511th Convocation**  
Saturday, June 9, at 9:15 a.m., Main Quadrangle  
**Lunch**  
Saturday, June 9, at noon, Bartlett Commons and Bartlett Quadrangle  
**Diploma and Hooding Ceremony**  
Saturday, June 9, at 1:45 p.m., Mandel Hall

**Law School**  
**Confering of Degrees, 511th Convocation**  
Saturday, June 9, at 11:45 a.m., Main Quadrangle  
**Diploma and Hooding Ceremony**  
Saturday, June 9, at 11:45 a.m., Main Quadrangle  
**Reception to follow, Lurie Bell Law Quadrangle**

**School of Social Service Administration**  
**Hooding Ceremony**  
Friday, June 8, at 6:00 p.m., Rockefeller Memorial Chapel  
**Confering of Degrees, 511th Convocation**  
Saturday, June 9, at 9:15 a.m., Main Quadrangle  
**Diploma Distribution, Reception**  
Saturday, June 9, at noon, SSA

**School of the Physical Sciences**  
**Confering of Degrees, 511th Convocation**  
Saturday, June 9, at 9:15 a.m., Main Quadrangle  
**Lunch**  
Saturday, June 9, at noon, Ida Noyes Hall  
**Diploma Ceremony and Reception**  
Saturday, June 9, at 1:30 p.m., Max Paleyovski Cinema, Ida Noyes Hall  
Reception to follow

**Division of the Social Sciences**  
**Confering of Degrees, 511th Convocation**  
Saturday, June 9, at 9:15 a.m., Main Quadrangle  
**Lunch**  
Saturday, June 9, at noon, Ten on 58th Street at Woodlawn Avenue  
**Diploma and Hooding Ceremony**  
Saturday, June 9, at 2:15 p.m., Rockefeller Memorial Chapel

**Schedule for Divisions and Schools**
Locations for Division and School Ceremonies

Each division and school will send information to candidates about line-up times and locations.

1. Main Quadrangle
2. Bond Chapel
3. International House
4. Mandel Hall
5. Rockefeller Memorial Chapel
6. Ida Noyes Hall

CEREMONY LOCATIONS

1. Main Quadrangle
2. Bond Chapel
3. International House
4. Mandel Hall
5. Rockefeller Memorial Chapel
6. Ida Noyes Hall

For questions specific to division and school ceremonies, please contact:

- Biological Sciences: 773.702.3905
- The Pritzker School of Medicine: 773.702.1939
- The College: 773.702.8616
- Divinity School: 773.702.8218
- Chicago Booth: Full-Time MBA and PhD Program: 773.702.8197; Evening and Weekend MBA Program: 312.464.8660
- Graham School: 773.834.0159
- Harris School: 773.834.2196
- Humanities: 773.702.3552
- Law School: 773.702.2764
- Physical Sciences: 773.702.8789
- Social Sciences: 773.702.8414
- Social Service Administration: 773.702.1135

Questions?
To participate in convocation, degree candidates must have satisfied all curricular requirements and passed all prescribed examinations before the deadlines published by the Office of the Registrar. Exceptions to this rule are not possible.

Candidate Information

ACADEMIC ATTIRE

S51 Convocation Degree candidates wear the cap and gown appropriate for the degree they are to receive, regardless of previous degrees received. Doctoral candidates are not hooded at the ceremony, but candidates who have received their hoods may wear them. Because convocation is a formal and traditional ceremony, we ask that any attire or adornment worn by candidates be appropriate for the occasion.

Division and School Ceremonies

Academic attire is to be worn at your school or division’s individual ceremony; rules for adornments may vary (please see schedule on pages 2 and 3 for dates and times).

Academic Attire Pick-Up

Academic attire is available for rent or purchase through the University Bookstore, in person at 970 East 58th Street or by phone at 773.702.7712. Bookstore hours from June 4 through June 9 are: Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Sunday 9 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Bachelor’s and Master’s Degrees

Your attire will be available for purchase at the bookstore ($40 for bachelor’s degrees; $45 for master’s degrees). To ensure a proper fit and to avoid long lines, please purchase your cap and gown as soon as possible. Attire will be sold until June 9, but we strongly suggest that you do not wait until the week of convocation. The cap and gown will be yours to retain as a keepsake.

Doctoral and JD Degrees

Your attire will be available for rent through the bookstore at a cost of $60. The Registrar’s Office will mail an academic attire rental card the week of April 23. Please place your order by Friday, May 18. If you do not receive a card by May 4 or if you miss the deadline, please contact the bookstore as soon as possible. Rented academic attire will be available for pick-up at the bookstore beginning Tuesday, June 5, and should be returned to the bookstore after your Convocation ceremony. If you prefer to purchase attire, please call 773.702.7712. You should allow four to six weeks for delivery of purchased attire.

Candidate Line-Up

511th Convocation

For the morning ceremony, candidates will line up in three areas along the perimeter of the Main Quadrangle, beginning at 8:15 a.m. To guarantee placement in the procession, candidates should arrive no later than 8:55 a.m.

Ratner Athletic Center

The College

Harper Quadrangle

Chicago Booth

Law School

Please see map for line-up locations. Line-up locations for each division’s and school’s ceremony may be different.

Division and School Ceremonies

Each division and school will send information to candidates about line-up times and locations. General guidelines for division and school ceremony line-up times are as follows:

Saturday Noon Ceremonies

Proceed to line-up location immediately following the conclusion of the 511th Convocation.

All Other Ceremonies

Proceed to line-up location one hour prior to the start of your ceremony.
SPeCiaL aCCommoDaTions FoR CaNDiDaTeS

Candidates with disabilities who need special accommodations or need to make arrangements for religious or cultural reasons should contact the convocation coordinator at 773.702.2513 or convocation@uchicago.edu before Friday, May 25. In your message, please clearly indicate whether your needs are for the 511th Convocation on Saturday morning, a ceremony for a division or school, or both.

WEaTher

In the event of severe weather, please check the Convocation website for up-to-date information: convocation.uchicago.edu.

RESoURCeS

WEBSITE: convocation.uchicago.edu
CONVOCAITION COORDINATOR 773.702.2513
OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR 773.702.7882
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION 773.702.2150
UNiVERSiTy BooKSToRe 773.702.7712
Visitor Information

LOCATION
The 511th Convocation will take place on the Main Quadrangle, rain or shine. Approximately 20,000 chairs will be placed in this large, grassy area.

The Main Quadrangle will be accessible beginning at 7:00 a.m., with entry gates located on Ellis Avenue between 57th and 59th streets. Tickets are not required for this ceremony. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis, and we recommend early arrival for best seating.

As a courtesy to candidates, families, and friends, please:
- Refrain from smoking anywhere on the Main Quadrangle.
- Refrain from loud conversation during the ceremony.
- Degree candidates and their guests are strongly discouraged from carrying large purses, bags, or backpacks, which may be subject to inspection before entering the Main Quadrangle.
- Children must be accompanied by a parent or other adult who will be responsible for their behavior during the ceremony.

AMENITIES
- Complimentary water will be available all day at a number of stations throughout the Main Quadrangle.
- Large video screens will be placed throughout the Main Quadrangle to provide optimal viewing of the 511th Convocation.
- Arrangements for complimentary lunch vary by division and school and will be communicated to the candidates along with other information about convocation. For questions about lunch arrangements, including locations, please check the convocation website or contact your candidate’s specific academic program listed on page 5.

GUESTS WITH DISABILITIES
Accessible seating is available at the 511th Convocation for guests with disabilities and up to two companions. This seating area is designated for individuals using wheelchairs, persons with mobility issues, and guests with visual or hearing impairment. To make arrangements, please contact the convocation coordinator at 773.702.2513 or convocation@uchicago.edu before Friday, May 25. In your message, please clearly indicate whether your needs are for the 511th Convocation on Saturday morning, a ceremony for a division or school, or both.

TICKET INFORMATION
Tickets are not required for the 511th Convocation on Saturday, June 9, at 9:15 a.m., though they may be required for the division and school ceremonies. Please check with your individual unit as listed on page 5. The Main Quadrangle will open for general seating at 7:00 a.m. Guests are requested to be in their seats no later than 9:00 a.m.

PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEOGRAPHY
GradImages will photograph the 511th Convocation on Saturday morning. Photography may vary for the division and school ceremonies. Please contact your candidate’s specific academic program via the phone numbers listed on page 5.

INDOOR SEATING AND ALTERNATIVE VIEWING
Guests who prefer an indoor location may view a live broadcast of the ceremony in Kent Auditorium (located within the Main Quadrangle). Seating is limited. The ceremony will also be broadcast live via the University’s website at convocation.uchicago.edu.
We encourage you to make arrangements for accommodations for your visit to Chicago during the 511th Convocation as early as possible. Several large conventions in the city that same weekend will severely limit the number of available hotel rooms. The University has negotiated special rates on blocks of rooms at a number of hotels. To guarantee receipt of the University rate at one of the hotels listed below, please make your reservation as early as possible and reference the “University of Chicago Convocation Rate.”

Hilton Chicago
720 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, IL 60605
Phone: 800.HILTONS or 800.445.8667
Rates: $199-224
*The Hilton will be running its own complimentary shuttle. Please check with them on timing.

Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel Chicago
221 North Columbus Drive
Chicago, IL 60601
Phone: 312.565.5258 or 800.333.3333
Rates: $199-254

Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers
301 East North Water Street
Chicago, IL 60611
Phone: 800.223.4100
Rates: $199-249

Hyatt Regency McCormick Place
2233 South Martin L. King Drive
Chicago, IL 60616
Phone: 888.421.1442
Rates: $199-249

Accommodations

Parking and Transportation

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AS IN ANY LARGE CITY, parking can be a challenge. Please allow extra time if you plan to park on the Midway or on other streets near campus. Limited visitor parking is available, free of charge, in campus lots and in the garage at the corner of 55th Street and Ellis Avenue. Shuttle service will be provided for those lots not within close walking distance. For guests staying at hotels outside of Hyde Park, shuttle service will be provided to and from downtown Chicago, with pick-up locations at the Gleacher Center (450 North Cityfront Plaza Drive) and the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place (2233 South Martin Luther King Drive). Shuttle service will begin downtown at 6:30 a.m. and continue to run every fifteen minutes throughout the day. The last shuttle for the day will leave campus at 6:45 p.m.

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