

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY
DIPLOMA CEREMONY
SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2008
Graduation Guidelines

We are looking forward to celebrating commencement with you and your guests on Sunday, June 15. For more information about the University-wide commencement ceremony, please visit <http://commencement.stanford.edu>. Here are a few hints about what to expect at the departmental ceremony.

LOCATION - The department ceremony will take place at the Merck Green, located between the Gilbert Building and the Herrin Laboratories.

TIME - Graduates and guests can begin to take their seats at 11:45am, and should all be seated by 12:15pm. The ceremony will begin at 12:30pm, and will last until approximately 2:30pm.

FOOD - The department will provide hors d'oeuvres and refreshments before the ceremony begins.

PROCESSION - There is no procession at the beginning of the department ceremony. Graduates should be seated at the start of the program and will rise with their rows to line up to receive their diplomas.

SEATING - All graduates will be seated directly in front of the stage. Graduates are seated in alphabetical order according to degree (PhD, MS, BS). Upon arrival at the Green, please look for the chair with your name card on it. If you cannot find a chair with your name, find an usher immediately and let him/her know. We will be able to reserve a diploma case and add your name to the announcer's list. The usher will also provide you a seat at the end of the procession.*

CAP & GOWN - Be sure to order your cap and gown from Stanford Bookstore by the deadline, Monday, April 28, 2008. MS and PhD students - be sure that you get a hood with your regalia.

TICKETS - Tickets are not required. We will have plenty of seating and refreshments for you and all of your guests.

PHOTOGRAPHY - There will be no professional photography at the event, but there will be a photography area reserved for your family and friends to take photos if they wish.

NAME PRONUNCIATION - If you would like to give us some guidance on the pronunciation of your name, please e-mail or call Jennifer Mason, Student Services Officer, before Friday, May 30. She can be reached at jmason@stanford.edu or (650) 723-5060.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR GRADUATION
AND BEST WISHES FOR THE FUTURE!

*The Commencement program is compiled from lists obtained from the Registrar's Office. Students who fail to notify the Registrar's Office or the department of their intention to graduate or walk through the department's diploma ceremony will not be listed in the program.