

DIPLOMAS

At Commencement, you will receive a letter of congratulations from the President in your diploma cover. It does not contain your actual diploma. The Registrar’s Office will send you a letter when your diploma is ready for pickup.

MOBILE PHONE AND PERSONAL BELONGINGS

Please fully charge your cell phone before arriving at Barclays Center. Please do not bring backpacks, large purses, etc. If you bring any personal items, please arrange for one of your guests to hold them

CHILDREN

Each child attending the ceremony requires a ticket and must be supervised by an adult. The commencement ceremony is at least four hours long. We strongly recommend that you do not bring infants, toddlers, and small children. They may become bored, restless, and noisy. Due to the length of the ceremony, everyone, especially children, should eat before arriving at Barclays Center in Brooklyn.

2025 YEARBOOK

The 2025 Yearbook will be available for pick up for those students whose portraits appear in the book during the distribution of caps and gowns. For those without portraits, yearbooks will be available for pick up after commencement from Office of Student Activities in S230, while supplies last.

COMMENCEMENT PROCEDURES FOR GRADUATES

Note: There is no dress rehearsal, so please read this section carefully.

- Report to Barclays Center in Brooklyn promptly (be sure to allow for adequate travel time).
- Due to security checks, you must go through screening with the following: cap, gown, **BMCC ID** and the **StagePass** you received from Marching Order.
- Graduates will march into Barclays Center in the order in which they arrive.
- Graduates will take a photo near the stage.
- Then graduates will show your **StagePass** to BMCC Production Assistant near the stage, so your name can be called.
- Dr. Anthony Munroe, BMCC President, and the BMCC Provost will present you with a diploma cover.
- Graduates will then return to their seat.
- The formal speakers for the ceremony will begin.
- When your academic major is called, stand and celebrate.

COMMENCEMENT PROCEDURES FOR GRADUATES

- Please be courteous to your fellow graduates and guests.
- Refrain from leaving your seat during the ceremony.

The most solemn moment of Commencement is the conferral of degrees. This takes place after all the graduates have received their diploma covers and have returned to their seats. The college president exercises the authority to grant your associate degree. Guests in the audience should remain quiet at this time.

- After the closing remarks, the Platform Party will leave Barclays Center.
- Graduates leave Barclays Center with their fellow graduates after the Platform Party leaves.
- Guests must remain in their seats until all of the graduates have marched out.

BMCC Production Assistants (staff dressed in black and white, with blue and orange sashes) will be available to assist you throughout the day.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Student Activities, Room S230, or call 212-220-8160. Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Congratulations and best wishes on this joyous day!



TRANSPORTATION TO BARCLAYS CENTER



Barclays Center is served by mass transit.

Subway

2, 3, 4, 5, B, D N, Q, and R trains to Atlantic Terminal–Barclays Center Station

C train to Lafayette Avenue Station
G train to Fulton Street Station

Bus

Eleven bus lines stop near the arena:
B25, B26, B38, B41, B45, B52, B63, B65, B67, B69 and B103

Parking

Parking at Barclays Center is very limited. We recommend that arrangements be made in advance.

ATTENTION GRADUATES

All graduates must arrive by 7:30 a.m. and enter at:

463 Dean Street
Barclays Center

Travel light to the Center.
You will have to go on stage with everything you bring to Barclays.

A red circle with a diagonal slash through it, indicating that the listed items are prohibited. The items listed inside the circle are: Balloons, Re-entry, Food, and Drinks.

All graduates must **CONFIRM** their attendance for the **BMCC Commencement Ceremony by May 1, 2025.**

Keep checking for an email from: commencement@bmcc.cuny.edu

ALUMNI STATUS

On June 4, you will officially be a graduate of BMCC. In honor of this moment, the Office of Alumni Relations would like to present you with an attractive BMCC Alumni lapel pin. Pins will be available when you receive your cap and gown. As an alumnus, you are eligible to join the Alumni ID program. To join visit www.bmcc.cuny.edu/alumni to learn about Alumni IDs, discounts, and programs.

CAP & GOWN DISTRIBUTION

All graduates participating in the Commencement Ceremony must march in cap and gown. There is no cost associated with your cap and gown. Distribution of gowns will take place in the main lobby at 199 Chambers Street on the dates and times indicated below.

- Monday, May 12, 2025, 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Theatre 2
- Tuesday, May 13, 2025, 11 a.m.–7 p.m., Theatre 2
- Wednesday, May 14, 2025, 11 a.m.–7 p.m., Richard Harris Terrace
- Thursday, May 15, 2025, 11 a.m.–7 p.m., Richard Harris Terrace
- Friday, May 16, 2025,* 11 a.m.–5 p.m., Richard Harris Terrace

**Last Day of Distribution*

Please bring your BMCC ID and these instructions when you pick up your cap and gown. Upon receipt of your cap and gown, you will be given a name card. Please save the name card, complete it and bring it with you to Commencement.

GUESTS WITH DISABILITIES

If you or one of your guests have a disability or need a sign language interpreter, please notify Office of Accessibility by calling (212) 220-8182 at least one week ahead of time. Students picking up tickets for guests with disabilities should also notify the box office. Guests in wheelchairs should arrive one hour before the event and enter the main entrance at Barclays Center, 620 Atlantic Avenue in Brooklyn.

SPECIAL GUESTS

For students who wish to invite family members from overseas to the BMCC 2025 Commencement Ceremony, please contact graduation@bmcc.cuny.edu no later than May 1 with the full name of the family member (as it appears on their passport), and their relationship to you (the student) (father/sister/cousin/etc.).

FAMILY/GUEST MEETING POINT

We strongly suggest that you prearrange a place to meet your guests after the ceremony.

TICKETS

The Commencement Ceremony is for Summer 2024, Fall 2024, Winter 2025 and Spring 2025 graduates. There are over 4,000 eligible graduates in the class of 2025.

As a graduate, you do not need a ticket for the Commencement Ceremony. Your cap and gown will serve as your entry ticket. However, each of your guests (child and adult) must have a ticket. Each graduate will receive **up to five (5) tickets** for his/her guests.

Graduates who have collected their cap & gowns during the week of distribution from May 12–May 16 will receive an **email from commencement@bmcc.cuny.edu on Wednesday, May 28, 2025**, to access up to five (5) e-tickets for their guests. On that day be sure to check your inbox and junk mail of your preferred email address listed in CUNYFirst.

LOTTERY FOR ADDITIONAL TWO TICKETS

Graduates may enter a lottery for up to two (2) additional tickets on campus from Monday, May 12, 2024 – Friday, May 16, 2025. Be sure to check your inbox and junk mail of your preferred email address listed in CUNYFirst.

GUEST SEATING

The doors open to guests at 8:00 a.m. All guest seats are unreserved. Guests may sit in the guest section of Barclays Center on a firstcome, first-served basis. They should remain in their seats throughout the ceremony. Please let your guests know to bring a photo ID. All guests enter the main entrance at Barclays Center, 620 Atlantic Avenue in Brooklyn, NY.