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 through select travel agencies. 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 in the City Guide section.

Q: What airport will I fly in to?
A: San Diego International Airport (SAN)

Q: Where do I find information for train or bus travel to San Diego?
A: Train: https://www.amtrak.com
The closest station to the Mission Valley hotels is:
San Diego, CA (SAN) - Station Building (with waiting room)
1050 Kettner Boulevard
San Diego, CA 92101

Bus: https://mobile.greyhound.com
The closest station to the Mission Valley hotels is:
San Diego Greyhound Station
1313 National Avenue
San Diego, CA 92101
(619) 515-1100

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 MTS (bus) or trolley services. For more information about public transportation, visit San Diego Metropolitan Transit System: https://www.sdmts.com/schedules-real-time-maps-and-routes/trolley

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

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?
San Diego Visitor Information website for weather and visitor facts: https://www.sandiego.org/plan/visitors-information-services.aspx

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!

Q: How long does it take to travel to the San Diego International Airport from the graduation Ceremony at Viejas Arena?
A: The actual distance between the commencement venue and the airport is ~13 miles. Google directions estimate 30 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 to see if you can store your luggage at the front desk.

Q: What would you recommend I see while I am in San Diego?
A: Check out SanDiego.org for a list of 25 fun & free things to do