

REQUIRED REGALIA FOR GRADUATION

Graduates Receiving Certificates

Wear the gown, collar and cap

Graduates Receiving Associate Degrees

Wear the gown, hood, and cap.

(Do not wear the white collar)

Females

- ◆ Black dress
- ◆ Black shoes
- ◆ Flesh Tone hose

Males

- ◆ Dark suit
- ◆ Dark shoes
- ◆ White shirt
- ◆ Straight black tie

Tassel

- ◆ Should be worn on the “Right Side” of the cap and remain there throughout the commencement program
- ◆ Men will remove their cap for prayer (replace after prayer); remove again for the benediction; replace for the recessional.

Distribution of Caps and Gowns

- ◆ In the College’s Bookstore
- ◆ Available for pick-up TBA

Cap and Gown order deadline:
March 20, 2020

Note: Unseemly behavior, as judged by the Marshalls or Administrators will be grounds for expelling a candidate from the line. Such behavior includes but is not limited to, chewing gum and using alcohol before or during the ceremony.

GRADUATION WITH HONORS

Superior achievement by graduating students shall be recognized by the following designations on transcripts.

Graduation Honors for Degrees

Graduation with Honors

(Cum Laude) 3.50 to 3.69 GPA

*Cum Laude - Gold Cord

Graduation with High Honors

(Magna Cum Laude) 3.70 to 3.89 GPA

** Magna Cum Laude - Blue Cord

Graduation with Highest Honors

(Summa Cum Laude) 3.90 to 4.00 GPA

*** Summa Cum Laude - White Cord

Graduation Honor for Certificate

Graduation with Distinction... 3.50 to 4.00 GPA

* Honors Certificate - Gold Cord

Note: Calculation of the grade point average (GPA) for graduation honors shall be identical to that method used to calculate the current GPA (as of April 30, 2020) to fulfill graduation requirements for the degree, diploma, or certificate being earned.

In order to be eligible for a graduation honor, the student must have completed a minimum of 32 semester credit hours at the college conferring the degree.

HONOR CORDS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AFTER REHEARSAL.



Spring 2020 Graduation Information





Commencement Ceremony Information

Friday, May 8, 2020

Arthur Shores Gymnasium
(Birmingham Campus)

1:00 p.m.

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY INFORMATION

In order to qualify for graduation, the following criteria must be met:

- Successful completion of the Application for Graduation with approval by your Academic Advisor, Department Chair, and Vice-President.
- ALL HOLDS (academic, financial, etc.) MUST be cleared **No later than 5:00 p.m. on April 30, 2020.**
- All graduates who desire to march in the Commencement Exercises must be present for the graduation rehearsal.
- All graduates receiving the A.A., A.S., A.A.S. and the A.O.T. degrees are required to take the CAAP Exit Examination on the schedule dates.
- Cumulative GPA of 2.0.
- The **spring** candidate's names will be posted on the website under Graduation Ceremony Information page of website. **If your name does not appear on the Graduation Clearance list or status is cleared, please contact you Advisor & the Registrar's Office as soon as possible.**

Graduation Rehearsal
Birmingham Campus
Arthur Shores Building (GYM)

Wednesday, May 6
1:30 p.m.

ETS EXAM
Bessemer & Birmingham Campus
Schedule Dates & Times

3/30/2020 - 5 pm 3/31/2020 - 1 pm	4/1/2020 - 1 pm 4/2/2020 - 9 am
Bessemer Campus Contact Amicka Williams 205.929.3418 awilliams@lawsonstate.edu	Birmingham Campus Contact Counseling Services 205.929.2113 rherndon@lawsonstate.edu

SEATING FOR COMMENCEMENT

Seating for Commencement is OPEN **except** for seats reserved for the graduating class, faculty, staff and special guests. Commencement will be held in the **Arthur Shores Gymnasium - Birmingham Campus.**

COMMENCEMENT PROCEDURES

- **Graduates will assemble at 11:00 a.m. in the left or right side of the Gymnasium** - single file on each side.
- Please know your **program of study** and type of **degree/certificate** you are receiving.
- Please check-in at the graduation table to pick up your name card. A card will be given to each graduate with his/her name and type of degree/certificate on the morning of commencement.
- **At exactly 1:00 pm** the organist will begin and the Marshalls will lead the line.
- All graduates must remain standing until the faculty and platform participants are assembled. All will sit when the organist and Marshalls give the cue.

- After the benediction, **the platform guests** led by the Marshalls, will leave first, followed by the faculty.
- The last row of graduates will follow the **faculty** down the center aisle of the gym.

Note: No Guest will be allowed to enter during the processional.

Individuals needing special accommodations for Graduation activities or the Commencement Ceremony should contact Dr. Herndon at 205.929.3419 by email at rherndon@lawsonstate.edu.

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

It is the policy of the Alabama Community College System, its Board of Trustees, and Lawson State Community College, a postsecondary institution under its control, that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, disability, sex, religion, creed, national origin, or age, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefit of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program, activity, or employment.

Lawson State Community College also prohibits discrimination due to ethnic origin, marital status, parental status, economic status, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, citizenship, veteran status or disability, reasonable accommodations or any other protected class as defined by federal and state law. The college has zero tolerance for harassment, retaliation, violence, physical bullying, cyber-bullying, and hazing.

This nondiscrimination policy covers employment, admissions, training, organizational affiliation, student housing, and advisory boards in all college programs and activities. This policy is enforced by Federal law under Title IX of the Education Amendment of 1972, Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504, of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 as amended in 2008. Inquiries regarding compliance with these statutes may be directed to the Dean of Students (205-929-6361) or the Director of Human Resources (205-929-6313).

