



TO ALL CANDIDATES FOR FALL 2021 GRADUATION

1. General Plan: The Fall 2021 Commencement exercises will be held in Javelina Stadium on Friday, December 10, 2021. There will be one ceremony at 2:00 p.m. Seating will be reserved for degree candidates and faculty; seating of all guests, however, will be on an unreserved, first-come, first-serve basis. Face covers and social distancing will be encouraged.

2:00 p.m.

Agriculture and Natural Resources

Arts and Sciences

Business Administration

Education and Human Performance

Engineering

2. Commencement Day. Candidates will assemble on the practice field south of Javelina Stadium ONE hour prior to graduation. There will be NO university-wide rehearsal. Check with your respective college to determine if a rehearsal is planned

3. Crossing the stage: Only the graduating student will be allowed to lineup in the processional and cross the stage, unless arrangements have been made through Student Accessibility Services. All family and guests must remain in their seats during the ceremony.

4. Caps and Gowns. Bachelors' and masters' gowns may be purchased at the Texas A&M University-Kingsville Bookstore during regular store hours. Caps and gowns should be purchased at your earliest convenience. If you need to purchase or rent a doctoral gown, contact the Bookstore as soon as possible. These are made specifically for the individual and therefore take extra time. If you have any questions, please call 593-2601.

5. Before and After Ceremonies. You are invited to tour the campus and take photographs to commemorate this special occasion. One popular site for photographs is the Javelina Statue in front of College Hall. Posters of the banners for each college will be on display between the Memorial Student Union Building and Peacock Auditorium.

6. DVDs. A video of the commencement will be produced by the staff of the Texas A&M University-Kingsville Radio/Television Unit. You may order one or several DVDs for \$30 each, including tax and shipping, prepaid by cash, check or credit card. DVDs will be shipped to your home and should arrive within six weeks. For further information, you may contact the ACT Office at (361) 593-3401.

7. Photos. Flash Photography is the university's official photographer. You will be contacted directly by Flash Photography via postal services or email with proofs of your pictures and an opportunity to order them.

8. Absolute Deadline for All Grades for Graduation: All grades for candidates for graduation must be in the Office of the Registrar by noon, on Monday, December 13, 2021. Candidates taking courses from other universities must arrange to meet this deadline. The deans will attempt to notify candidates who fail to complete their degree requirements. Please be available so you can be reached by telephone on Friday, December 17, 2021.

9. Diplomas: *Once grades are submitted and graduation verified, diplomas will be mailed out within six to ten weeks after commencement.* Make certain your mailing address is correctly listed in Blue and Gold Connection. *The Postal Service is temporarily suspending international mail acceptance for certain destinations due to service impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic.* While the United States Postal Service (USPS) is accurate and dependable most of the time, occasionally diplomas are damaged. We are unable to insure USPS deliveries. If your diploma arrives damaged, it can be reprinted for a fee of \$25.00. Diploma folders will only be given to candidates participating in a commencement ceremony and are not available for purchase.

10. Graduating with honors: Please note if you are planning to graduate with honors grade changes must be processed and approved within one week from graduation date. Once the Registrar's Office completes end of term process, grade changes that could impact your honors, may not get updated.

11. Incomplete Grades or Change of Grades: Any student who has an I in a course from a previous semester or term is responsible for completing the course no later than December 2, 2021, and reminding his/her instructor that the final grade must be submitted to the Office of the Registrar no later than 12:00 noon on December 13, 2021. The removal of an I and any other grade changes must be reported by the student to his/her Dean on or before this date.

12. Repeated Courses: All candidates must file a "Request for Adjustment of Repeated Courses" form to update their GPA and grades. The form is available for download on the Office of the Registrar webpage at <http://www.tamuk.edu/registrar/forms.html>. This form should be marked "December 10, 2021 Graduation" and submitted to the Office of the Registrar no later than December 8, 2021. Courses being repeated this semester should also be included so that all changes may be made on your academic record in time for the final graduation check-out. If you have any questions, call (361) 593-2811.

13. Thesis and Dissertations: The deadline for filing final hard copy of thesis and dissertation research papers and final requirements to the Graduate Studies Office is November 18, 2021.

14. Research Projects and Comprehensive Examination for Graduate Students Master's candidates must arrange with their Research Advisor and/or Graduate Coordinator to complete their research project and comprehensive examinations in time for the required documents to be submitted to the College of Graduate Studies via DocuSign by no later than December 7, 2021. If you have any questions, call 361- 593-2809.

15. Fees and Fines: All library fees or other fines due to the University must be paid before commencement on December 10, 2021.

16. In Absentia Graduation: All candidates are expected to be present at their commencement ceremony. If it is not possible for you to attend the ceremony, your degree can be awarded in absentia provided you notify the Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs in writing by December 6, and give sufficient reason for non-attendance. You may email your absentia notice to: provost@tamuk.edu.

17. Tuition Rebates for Undergraduate Students: The state of Texas is providing financial incentives for students who complete their undergraduate degrees by attempting no more than three (3) hours in excess of the minimum number of semester credit hours required for the degree. Eligibility requirements and application for the rebate are located at http://www.tamuk.edu/academicaffairs/files_aa/forms/tuitionrebatecomplete.pdf.

The rebate for eligible students is a maximum of \$1,000. To apply for the rebate, please complete the application and submit to your academic dean prior to graduation.

18. Service Animals: Only Service animals will be permitted to walk with the graduating student. No Emotional Support animals will be allowed to walk. Notification should be given to the Office of the Provost one month prior to commencement.

19. Special Accommodations: If you are a graduating student and require special accommodations or have questions, please contact the Office of the Provost at (361) 593-3106 or provost@tamuk.edu. Accommodation requests should be made at least one month prior to commencement activities. While every effort will be made, the university may be unable to fulfill last-minute requests. If you have any questions please call (361) 593-3106.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lou Reinisch". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "L".

**Dr. Lou Reinisch, Provost and
Vice President for Academic Affairs**