An 8 step guide for students who wish to participate in the College Eight ceremony

1 | APPLY TO GRADUATE FROM UCSC

Applying to "graduate" is separate from commencement ceremony registration. You must apply to graduate with the Registrars Office in order to receive your diploma from the University. You should only apply to graduate if you are completing all graduation requirements (general and major) in the quarter for which you are applying, otherwise you will be sent a denial from the Registrar, and you will be de-activated from the enrollment system for the upcoming quarter. Apply through your student portal at "my.ucsc.edu", click "My Student Center", then click "Apply to Graduate".

Registrar - File for candidacy deadlines without late fees ($60)
- Winter 2016: Friday, February 5th, 2016
- Spring 2016: Friday, April 29th, 2016
- Summer 2016: Friday, July 31st, 2016

2 | REGISTER FOR COLLEGE EIGHT COMMENCEMENT

To participate in the College Eight commencement ceremony and/or have your name listed in the print program you must register on-line by Friday, May 6th. College Eight students who plan to complete all requirements by the end of Fall 2016 are eligible to participate in the June commencement ceremony. Late registration will be available, but names may not be printed the commencement program. Visit eight.ucsc.edu/activities/commencement to register.

3 | CHECK YOUR “PUBLIC INFORMATION” STATUS

All students have a “Public Information” status (a.k.a. Directory Restriction, FERPA or NRI) with the Office of the Registrar. The status of your personal information is currently set as either “Releasable” or “Restricted.” If your status is set to “restricted”, the University may not release any information about you. Some students set their status to “RESTRICTED” without being aware of the implications. It is imperative that you check and confirm your status.

- If your status is set to “RESTRICTED” as of May 6th College Eight will not print your name in the commencement program
- If your status is set to “RELEASABLE” as of May 6th we can and will print your name in the program
- Check your my.ucsc.edu portal to update. If you have special circumstances and wish to retain a “restricted” status but also wish to have your name printed in the program, please contact c8studentlife@ucsc.edu

4 | WAYS TO GET INVOLVED WITH COMMENCEMENT

Interested in joining the Senior Commencement Committee, be a multi-lingual greeter, sing the National Anthem, be a student speaker, or pledge to be sustainable? Make sure to check your interests in your commencement registration.

Continuing the Environment & Society Spirit - Graduate Pledge Alliance

The Graduation Pledge Alliance (G.P.A.) is a national organization founded in 1987 by a group of students at Humboldt State University. Be part of a national student movement by taking a personal pledge for social and environmental responsibility!

5 | ORDER ANNOUNCEMENTS & REGALIA [CAPS/GOWNS]: STARTING APRIL 12th

Order announcements, caps & gown, rings and other items during at the Bay Tree Bookstore. Caps and gowns are strongly encouraged for the commencement ceremony. Online cap & gown ordering also available. Please check bookstore for detailed times and information. Slugstore.ucsc.edu (Graduation Center)

- Graduation Center: April 12th – April 22nd [Cap & Gown Rentals]
- Cap & Gown Distribution: June 6th – June 12th
Parking on campus is very limited with ten colleges having ceremonies. Each registered graduate will receive only two (2) parking passes for the day, so you may need to carpool, shuttle, bus, or walk. Passes can be picked up between Monday June 6th – Friday June 10th at the Student Life Office. If there are handicap or disability needs, please note in your commencement registration form. Guests should place a pass on their dashboard and follow the signs that read “West Side Ceremonies” and “College Eight.” Santa Cruz Metro will also be free to on the day of commencement. Parking officials will direct cars to the appropriate lot, from which guests may walk or shuttle to the ceremony site at the Lower West Field. Commencement parking information will be located on taps.ucsc.edu in Spring Quarter.

7 | ATTEND COLLEGE EIGHT COMMENCEMENT REHEARSAL: JUNE 10th

Friday June 10th: 4:30 – 5:30 PM College Eight Plaza. This is the last opportunity to pick up parking passes.

8 | CELEBRATE GRADUATION DAY! JUNE 11th

A College Eight class photo will be taken before the ceremony begins. Graduates may be dropped off at the top of College Eight. This area is DROP OFF ONLY.
11:00 a.m. Check-In Begins at College Eight Plaza
1:00 p.m. Ceremony Start Time

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

CAMPUS SHUTTLES & DISABILITY VANS
Campus shuttles will be available for those not able to park within walking distance of the ceremony. For more information or accommodations, please contact c8studentlife@ucsc.edu or (831) 459-4279.

UNIVERSITY HONORS
To be eligible for University Honors, students must have completed 70 or more units at the University of California and have attained in their group a UC GPA that places them in the rankings as follows: Summa Cum Laude, top 2 percent; Magna Cum Laude, next 3 percent; Cum Laude, next 10 percent. Each year and for each group, the Registrar will calculate the GPA thresholds required for these levels of University Honors, based on the GPAs of recent graduates. For more information on University Honors, please visit the Registrar page at http://registrar.ucsc.edu/faqs/students/honors/
Please note: Because “University Honors” are determined on the basis of final grades after the end of spring quarter, this notation will appear on the diploma and transcript only, and will be listed as “candidates for university honors” in the commencement program.

COMMENCEMENT PHOTOS
Family and friends are restricted from approaching the stage, we have contracted with Grad Images to photograph each graduate as they cross the stage during the ceremony. Within two weeks of graduation you will receive a “proof” by e-mail, at no cost or obligation to buy (sent to the e-mail you provided on the online Commencement Registration form).

Commencement communication will be sent by c8studentlife@ucsc.edu, please make sure to read these e-mails.

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