

# 2019 Biology Department Diploma Ceremony

## Details for the Big Day!



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The 2019 Biology Diploma Ceremony is being held on **Sunday, May 19th, 2019 at 11:15 a.m. in the Larry and Cindy Bloch Advancement Center.** Find more information on the [Commencement 2019 webpage](#).

This Biology Department Ceremony includes the following majors: BA in Biology (BA BIO), BS in Computational Biology (BS BCB), BS in Cell and Developmental Biology (BS BCD), BS in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (BS BEB), and BS in Molecular Genetics (BS BMG).

### **DIRECTIONS ON WHERE TO GO THE DAY OF:**

As soon as the 9a.m. morning ceremony ends in the Quadrangle, please make your way over to the Bloch Alumni and Advancement Center. Students will meet in Room 101 no later than 11:00a.m. for processional into the auditorium. You will receive marching instructions a few days before the event.

Please do not bring personal belongings (coats, purses, cameras, etc.) with you to line-up as they will be difficult to keep secure during the ceremony. It is suggested that graduates leave their belongings with their family or whomever is attending with you that day.

### **ONLINE SURVEYS:**

All students must complete the online [Diploma Ceremony Form](#) **whether or not they are planning on attending the diploma ceremony.** Just click on the “Diploma Ceremony Form” hyperlink to the website. Should students need to make a change to an already submitted survey, please resubmit the form again and contact [Chelsea Kuhn](#) to notify her of the changes.

**Deadline for Submission is Monday, April 15th.**

Contact [Chelsea Kuhn](#) should you experience any difficulties.



## WALKING ON STAGE/ANNOUNCEMENT CARDS

What is said as you walk across the stage...

Students will have their name, Latin honors (if any), a note of thanks, and their future plans announced to the audience as they walk across the stage to receive their diploma.

Graduates can let us know what they would like announced as they walk across the stage by filling out the [Diploma Ceremony Form](#). The information from the survey will be directly entered onto an announcement card that will be distributed to graduates on the day of the ceremony. Graduates will need to use this card to get their line-up number and hand to the announcer before they walk across the stage. *Graduates should check the announcement card to make sure the information is accurate and for line-up number.*

## LATIN HONORS

Guidelines

Latin Honors are based on a student's cumulative GPA after the spring semester grades are figured in, and is determined by the college. If you were curious, this year's Latin Honors cut-offs are as follows:

**Cum Laude: 3.61**  
**Magna Cum Laude: 3.87**  
**Suma Cum Laude: 3.99**

In addition students need a minimum of 88 credits in their GPA and no I or N grades.

## INVITATIONS TO YOUR FAMILY

Tickets Not Needed!

Invitations have been sent home to the address on file with the College. Tickets are not required and there is no limit to how many guests a student can invite. However, please be aware that space is limited. Plan to arrive early to help ensure available seating. Additionally, we ask that you respond to the [Diploma Ceremony Form](#) with the approximate number of guests so that we may plan accordingly.

## PICTURES/FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY

Guests are welcome to take pictures of the graduates walking across the stage. There will be a place up close to the stage for parents and friends to come up and take pictures of graduates as they are receiving their diplomas.

## SENIOR SLIDESHOW

The Senior Slide Show is a Biology Department tradition and is viewed each year during graduation at the Department Diploma Ceremony.

The pictures should be of the great times you had here at UR and can include your colleagues from different majors. Many picture taking opportunities are coming up with D-Day(??), Lilac Fest, the many many parties... you see where I am going with this, just be sure your pictures are tasteful!

Email pictures to Chelsea Kuhn, or upload them when filling out the [Diploma Ceremony Form](#). Help make the Senior Slideshow a huge success and email your pictures and song suggestions to [Chelsea](#) before **May 1st, 2019**.

Check out last year's [Class of 2018 Senior Slideshow](#).

## LOCATION INFORMATION

**Bloch Alumni and Advancement Center**  
**300 East River Road**  
**Rochester, NY 14627**

There will be continuous shuttles available to BAAC from 10:45am-4:30pm from Rush Rhees Library.



## DRESS REHEARSAL?

There is no formal dress rehearsal. However, marching instructions will be sent to the students a few days before the event.

## REQUIRED ATTIRE

Academic Regalia is required. For more information on your cap and gown look at the [Commencement FAQs](#) or purchase [here](#).

## PARKING AND SHUTTLE SERVICES

Parking and moving around on campus during commencement weekend is a challenge to say the least, so it is important to plan ahead. There will be continuous shuttles available to BAAC from 10:45am-4:30pm on Sunday, May 19th. For the most current information on parking shuttle services, click on the [2019 College Commencement Website](#).

## GRADUATION ELIGIBILITY

Students who have completed their degree requirements will receive their degree at the time of the ceremony. Students that have not completed their degree requirements can still participate in the

ceremony however, a blank diploma will be handed to them as they walk across stage. Students who will not have their degree requirements completed by the diploma ceremony or have any questions regarding their current eligibility for graduation should contact [Marianne Arcoraci](#).

## DOUBLE MAJORS

Double majors that have another diploma ceremony to walk in at the same time as the biology diploma ceremony need to contact [Marianne Arcoraci](#) to find out if special arrangements can to be made to attend both.

## TAKE 5 STUDENTS

Students that have decided to take a 5th year can still walk in the 2019 diploma ceremony. Please submit your [Diploma Ceremony Form](#) to let us know if you do/do not plan on attending the ceremony.

## GRADUATION WEEK ACTIVITIES

For more information on commencement week activities visit the [2019 College Commencement Website](#).

