

The Semester Commencement Ceremony is scheduled for:

**Friday, May 5, 2023, at 9:30am**

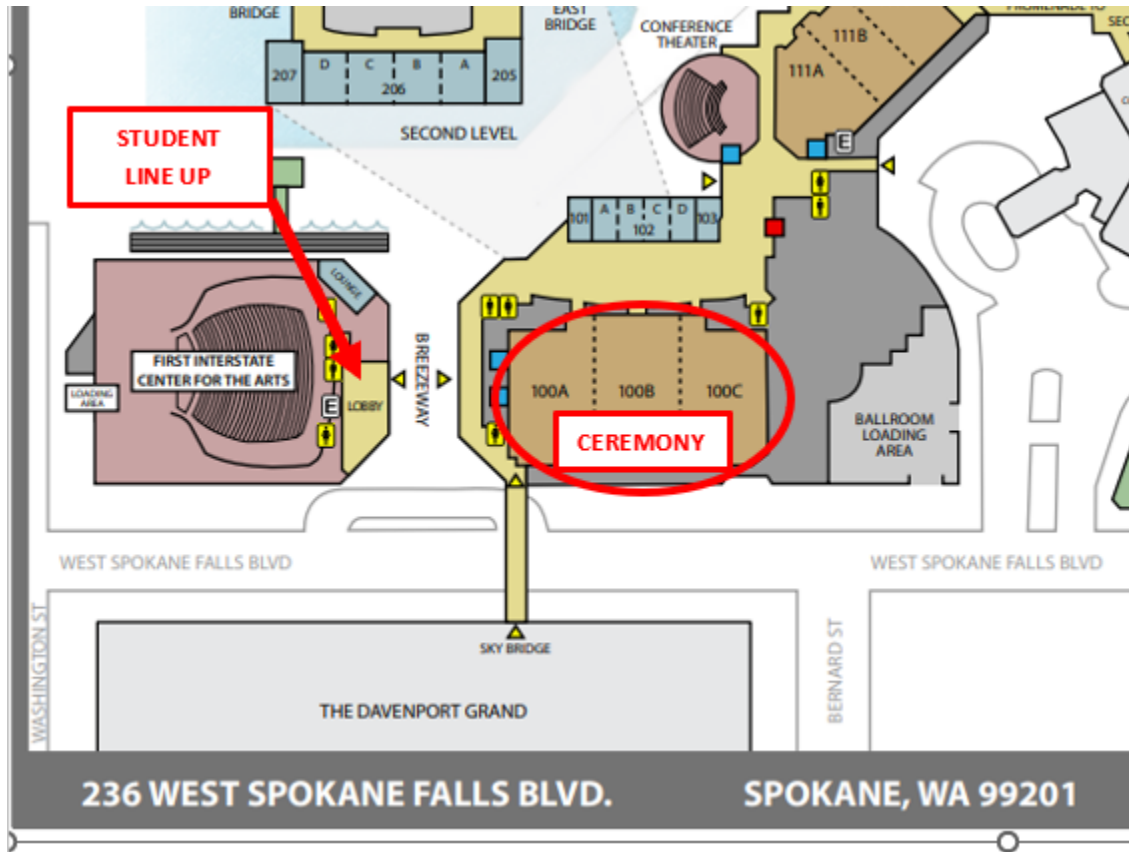
**Spokane Convention Center**

**Ballroom 100**

*Doors open for seating at 8:30am.*

*Student line-up begins at 8:45am in the First Interstate Center for the Arts Lobby.*

*Procession begins promptly at 9:30am*



#### COVID-19 Protocols

We will be following state and public health guidelines for this event. Currently, there is no requirement for masks or vaccinations. Visit the Convention Center website for the most up-to-date information:

[Know Before You Go > Spokane Convention Center \(spokaneconventioncenter.com\)](https://www.spokaneconventioncenter.com/knownbeforeyougo)

**Convention Center Directions and Parking:** [Directions | Parking - Spokane Convention Center \(spokaneconventioncenter.com\)](https://www.spokaneconventioncenter.com/directions-parking)

On-campus parking is FREE at the WSU/EWU Spokane campus and is a 10–15-minute walk to the ceremony along the Centennial Trail. Please note there is NOT a shuttle to the ceremony. Guest drop-off is available. Event parking (fee) is available at the Davenport Grand Hotel.

#### Regalia

Please come dressed in your cap and gown. Wear shoes that are comfortable for walking and for using stairs. Carry your hood (if applicable).

### **Check-In**

When you arrive at the Convention Center, proceed to the First Interstate Center for the Arts (FICA) lobby for check-in. Please leave any items that you will not need during the ceremony with your guests. You will not be able to return to the FICA lobby after the ceremony.

### **Guests**

Upon arrival, guests may proceed directly to the Ballroom for seating. Doors to the Ballroom will open at 8:30am and seating is first-come, first-serve. The event will be livestreamed on YouTube for those who cannot attend in person.

Students or guests needing accommodation should contact [chsph@ewu.edu](mailto:chsph@ewu.edu) by April 28, 2023.

### **Concessions**

Coffee and snacks will be available for purchase in the Centennial Ballroom Lobby prior to the ceremony. Purchases are now cashless and will be processed using a contactless point of sale system (card or Apple Pay). Plexi-glass guards have been installed at all counters and individual containers will be used for the safety of our guests and employees.

### **Flowers**

A limited number of flowers will be available for purchase in the Ballroom lobby. Flowers will be arranged by The Commencement Group and proceeds from the sale will benefit the EWU Student Occupational Therapy Association (SOTA).

To further contribute to a safe and efficient environment for graduates, guests, and faculty, we are strongly encouraging customers to take advantage of our online pre-order service. We will have a contact-free customer experience for guests who are simply picking up their pre-purchased and reserved product.

The pre-order link for commencement is:

<https://www.thecommcementgroup.com/easternwashington/>

NO BALLOONS are permitted in the Convention Center.

### **Photos**

A professional photographer will take at least one picture of each graduate as they receive their diploma cover. Graduates will be photographed with no obligation to purchase. Photos will be available for purchase through After Image Visual Services. Please visit their website 2-3 days after the ceremony to view a proof.

### **Video Livestream**

The ceremony will be livestreamed on YouTube and will be accessible to view from our [website](#) or on YouTube: (NEED LINK).