Photographer
Keith Hodkinson will take a picture at the moment the diploma is presented to each graduate. An order form is enclosed for your convenience. Please return the form to the photographer.

Forms are also located online:
inside.heidelberg.edu/commencement/order

Security
Guests are subject to visual inspection of person, bags, and clothing capable of concealing prohibited items. Details can be found at www.heidelberg.edu/commencement19

Special Seating Requests
Special seating at Commencement for those with health concerns:

If there is a member of your family who, because of health reasons, cannot sit in the bleachers of Hoernemann Stadium or Seiberling Gymnasium, please notify Ms. Barb Gabel with the individual’s name by emailing bgabel@heidelberg.edu. There will be a seat reserved for this person and one escort in the special seating section. It is the responsibility of the graduate to make this reservation by May 1.

In addition, if one of your guests requires the use of a wheelchair or scooter, space will be provided in the special seating area on the football field or gym floor for the wheelchair or scooter and one escort, if you inform Barb Gabel by emailing bgabel@heidelberg.edu. It is the responsibility of the graduate to make this reservation by May 1.

If the ceremony is held in Seiberling Gymnasium because of inclement weather, guests with special seating tickets will be admitted to Seiberling Gymnasium at 9:15 AM. Doors will open for general seating at 9:30 AM. The special seating area will be held until 9:45 AM. At that time seats will be released for general seating.

Viewing Sites
The Commencement ceremony will be live-streamed on the website, www.heidelberg.edu/commencement, and will also be video cast simultaneously in Frost Lecture Hall, located in Bareis Science Hall.

Questions regarding graduation requirements should be directed to your academic advisor. All bills must be paid in full to the Business Office by April 20, 2019, in order to participate in the Commencement ceremony. If you have billing questions, please contact Barb Gabel at 419-448-2183 or bgabel@heidelberg.edu.
Schedule of Events

Friday, May 10, 2019
11:00 AM | Seiberling Gymnasium
Commencement Rehearsal

All undergraduate students receiving degrees must be present at rehearsal. The candidates will meet with Dr. Beth Schwartz, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, and faculty marshals Grasman, McDonald, Suffel, and Musgrave. Please be prepared to confirm the phonetic spelling of your name. You will complete surveys for the Owen Center for Academic & Career Support. The undergraduate class will present its banner to President Rob Huntington. Each candidate will be assigned their position in the marching line and their seat in the correct order for receiving their degree as well as given final instructions for the ceremony.

Saturday, May 11, 2019
4:00 PM | Gundlach Theatre
Baccalaureate

Baccalaureate will be in Gundlach Theatre for degree candidates, families, and friends with open seating. This interfaith worship service will include readings from religious texts, prayers, special music, and a sermon. The heritage between the United Church of Christ and Heidelberg University is also celebrated in this gathering. Students from Religious Life will lead the service. No ticket is required.

9:50 AM | Greenfield Street
Procession

Rain site: Seiberling Gymnasium

Procession of graduate candidates, faculty, trustees, and platform party down Greenfield and Rebecca Streets, around the pond, and into Hoernemann Stadium. Wear comfortable shoes!

10:00 AM | Hoernemann Stadium
Commencement Ceremony

Stadium gates will open at 8:30 AM.

Rain site: Seiberling Gymnasium

If in Seiberling Gymnasium, special seating ticket holders will be admitted at 9:15 AM. Doors will open for general admission at 9:30 AM. Special seating will be held until 9:45 AM.

12:00-2:00 PM | Hoernemann Refectory
Commencement Brunch

Complimentary for all graduates, their families and friends. No reservations are necessary. Berg Bistro 1850 will also be open from 8:00 AM until 3:00 PM.

Sunday, May 12, 2019
9:15 AM | Various Locations
Line Up

All degree candidates will line up promptly at 9:15 AM. Master’s degree candidates will line up in front of the Bryenton Center for Honors. Bachelor’s degree candidates will line up on the first floor of University Hall. Faculty members will line up in front of Pfleiderer Hall. Each graduate will take the position that was assigned to them at rehearsal. In case of inclement weather, the assembly for students will be held in the Saurwein Health & Wellness Center.

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Tickets

Each participant in the Commencement ceremony will receive 6 tickets. Commencement tickets may be picked up in the Business Office beginning May 1. All bills must be paid in full to receive your Commencement tickets.

If the ceremony is held in Hoernemann Stadium, tickets will not be necessary unless you are requesting special seating. (Please see special seating instructions.) Guests may sit in the stadium, or may bring their own seating for the hill behind Saurwein Health & Wellness Center.

In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be moved to Seiberling Gymnasium, and no one will be admitted to Commencement without a ticket. A decision will be made by 7:00 AM and posted on the website at www.heidelberg.edu. Students will be notified via SendWordNow.

Questions concerning Commencement should be directed to: commencement-questions@heidelberg.edu