



Instructions for Graduation Convocation Ceremony for Academic Year 2023 (September 2024)

Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn will graciously preside over the Graduation Convocation Ceremony of Chulalongkorn University for the academic year 2023 on behalf of His Majesty King Maha Vajiralongkorn Bodindradebayavarangkun. The ceremony will be held on **October 2, 3, and 4, 2024**, with two sessions each day. Her Royal Highness will arrive at the University auditorium at 9:00 a.m. for the morning session and at 1:30 p.m. for the afternoon session. Graduates are requested to follow these instructions to ensure a smooth and orderly ceremony.

Meeting Time and Place

- *Morning Session:* Graduates must be at the meeting place no later than 6:30 a.m.
 - *Afternoon Session:* Graduates must be at the meeting place by 11:00 a.m.
- Location:* The meeting place is on the driveway at the rear side of the auditorium.
ENSURE YOU KNOW YOUR SCHEDULE AND MEETING PLACE IN ADVANCE.

First Checking

At the meeting place, graduates must line up as assigned during the rehearsal. Lecturers will check names and the order of the lines.

Entering the Auditorium

Approximately two hours before the ceremony, the first graduate will start approaching the auditorium. For security reasons, everyone must pass through a metal detector. ****ALL MOBILE PHONES AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES ARE PROHIBITED INSIDE THE AUDITORIUM.**** Upon entering, graduates will be checked with the barcode system. Ensure you know how to obtain your barcode before the rehearsal.

Graduates must have their barcode ready. After the barcode check, report your name to the lecturer in charge for the final check before taking your seat. ****LATECOMERS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND THE CEREMONY.**** Graduates needing to use the restroom must take their seats first to ensure they have a place upon return.

Starting the Program

- Morning Session: Begins at 8:30 a.m.
- Afternoon Session: Begins at 1:00 p.m.

The CU Chorus will perform university songs. Graduates must already be seated by this time.

After Her Royal Highness arrives, the University President will present a report and call upon each faculty and school's Dean to announce graduates' names.

During the Ceremony

- **As the Time Comes**

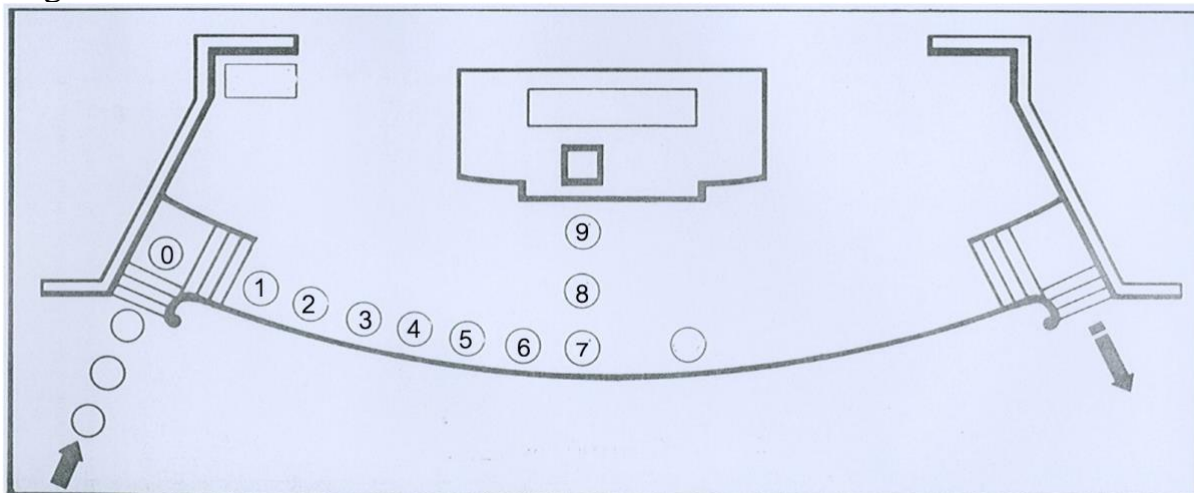
Graduates will be signaled to rise. The lecturer in charge will raise their arm as a signal to stand, then lower it to signal taking a bow or courtesy. This will be done row by row.

- **Approaching the Stage**

After paying respects to Her Royal Highness, graduates will turn left, form a line, and prepare to receive their diploma.

- **On the Stage**

There are ten positions on stage, with one on the platform. Positions will be marked except for *Point 10*. Graduates must move in rhythm, synchronizing each pause and step, ensuring they face Her Royal Highness at the center of the stage.



- **Receiving the Diploma**

At *Point 7*, graduates must move to *Point 8* and take a bow or courtesy. They then proceed to *Point 9*, where they stand straight and look at the diploma. Graduates must then take the diploma with their right hand, attach it to their chest, and take four steps backward before bowing or curtsying. Do not turn your back to Her Royal Highness. After bowing, turn right and walk down the stage.

- **Returning to the Seat**

Upon returning to the row, graduates must bow or courtesy to Her Royal Highness before entering and taking their seat. Graduates must bow or courtesy five times during the entire process.

- **Oath Taking Ceremony**

After the last graduate receives their diploma, all graduates will participate in the oath-taking ceremony. One graduate will lead the ceremony. All graduates must stand, bow or courtesy, and repeat the oath sentence by sentence. After the royal speech, graduates will bow or courtesy again.

- **End of the Ceremony**

Graduates will sing the Royal Anthem and bow or courtesy at the end. They will pay respects to Kings Rama V and VI and express gratitude to the Founders of Chulalongkorn University. Her Royal Highness will then pay homage to the Buddha image. As Her Royal Highness faces the graduates, all must bow or courtesy once more before she leaves the stage, marking the end of the ceremony.

****All graduates must wear a mask at all times and strictly follow COVID safety instructions.****

What to Wear for the Graduation Ceremony

Master & Doctoral Level

****Female:****

1. Plain long-sleeve white blouse or shirt with collar
2. Dark blue (not black) skirt, no slits
3. Skin-tone pantyhose
4. Plain black shoes (toes and heel covered)

****Male:****

1. Dark blue suit
2. White shirt
3. Plain dark blue tie or university symbol tie (available at Chula Co-op Store)
4. Black socks and shoes

Bachelor Degree

****Male & Female:**** University uniform for formal occasions; dark blue skirt required for female graduates.

Jewelry

- Earrings are not allowed.
- No jewelry on the right hand; a watch and wedding ring are permitted on the left hand.

Hairstyle

- Neat hairstyle; neatly trimmed beard and mustache.

Flowers and Other Items

- No flowers or flower rings on hair or university gown.

What to Wear for Rehearsal

****Female:****

1. Blouse or shirt with sleeves
2. Skirt (no pants)
3. Shoes (toes and heel covered; no athletic shoes or sandals)

****Male:****

1. Shirt (no t-shirts)
2. Dress pants (no jeans)
3. Socks and shoes (no athletic shoes or sandals)

*Thank you very much for your cooperation, and congratulations on your
success!*

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