

College of Arts & Sciences (including secondary education certification) • May 2, 2026 • 4:00 p.m.
Lindsay Lane Baptist Church • 1300 Lindsay Ln S. Athens, AL 35613

Eligibility

If you have questions about your eligibility to graduate, ***REVIEW YOUR DEGREE WORKS PLAN OF STUDY AND CONSULT WITH YOUR ADVISOR.***



Ceremony

- Report to Lindsay Lane Baptist Church, Educational Building A at 2:30 a.m. for instructions and procession line-up. There will not be a ceremony rehearsal. (You will enter the property parking lot using the entrance “Graduate Entrance and Parking”.)
 - Tickets are not required for the ceremony, and there is no limit to the number of guests invited. Please have your guests arrive early. When the venue reaches capacity, they will be directed to a room, onsite, to view the ceremony via livestream. <https://www.athens.edu/commencement/>
 - Flowers are available for purchase. (supplies are limited.)
 - Balloons **ARE NOT PERMITTED*** in the church sanctuary.
 - Food and beverages **ARE NOT PERMITTED*** in the church sanctuary.
- *We are guests of Lindsay Lane Baptist Church, and will be respectful of their wishes.**

Graduation supplies may be ordered online (various packages offered): colleges.herffjones.com/college/athensstate, by March 13, 2026 (10:59 CST) or from Pillar & Paw Spirit Store, located on the second floor of the Sandridge Student Center.

***There is no deadline for bookstore purchases, but they must be in person.**

- Basic prices (not including tax) are listed below:
 - Undergraduate cap/gown/tassel \$48.95
 - Masters cap/gown/tassel/hood \$99.00

Pillar and Paw will have caps and gowns available at Lindsay Lane on May 2nd.

Dress:

- Commencement is a formal academic event. Dress should be, at a minimum, **business casual (collared shirt, slacks, dresses/skirts and comfortable walking shoes)**. **Prepare to walk from Educational Building A to the church building, which will involve a series of stairs.**
- The University recognizes the significance of academic achievement as well as the value of service in university recognized clubs and organizations. Students are encouraged to demonstrate these achievements through the wearing of official honor cords and stoles **that represent those accomplishments.**
- Caps may be tastefully decorated; there must not be decorative items hanging from the mortar board.

Honors

Honors does not apply to graduate degrees.

- To be eligible for a degree with honors, a student must have completed at least 31 undergraduate semester hours at the University, not including coursework excluded by course forgiveness or academic bankruptcy.
- The following honors may be awarded to undergraduate students:
 - Institutional GPA of 3.9 - 4.0 *Summa Cum Laude* (gold medallion)
 - Institutional GPA of 3.70 - 3.89 *Magna Cum Laude* (silver medallion)
 - Institutional GPA of 3.50 - 3.69 *Cum Laude* (bronze medallion)
- Since all grades for the final semester may not be available in time for commencement ceremonies and printing of commencement programs, degree with honor designations for a commencement ceremony are unofficial.
- Final academic honor designations are determined after grades for the final semester have been posted. Final, official honor designations will be reflected on the Athens State transcript and on the Athens State diploma.
- Honors medallions are available for purchase in Pillar & Paw Spirit Store, on the second floor of Sandridge Student Center. They will also be available at Lindsay Lane Baptist Church on the day of Commencement. The cost is \$20 (tax not included).
- **PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR (STUDENT RECORDS) WITH ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING GPA OR HONORS: registrar@athens.edu or 256-233-8131.**

Diplomas and Transcripts

- Diplomas will be sent electronically and mailed to **all** graduates by May 29, 2026. None will be given at the ceremony.
- Transcripts
 - should be used to provide employers with proof of graduation.
 - graduation information should be posted on the transcripts by the Records Office a day or two after grades are due (May 5, 2026).
 - If you need a transcript, please complete the Transfer Request Form located in the following link: <http://www.athens.edu/student-records/transcript-requests/>, or contact the **Office of the Registrar (Student Records)**:

256-233-8131
registrar@athens.edu

Questions:

For questions about the ceremony, contact the **Office of Academic Affairs**:

256-233-8103
molly.myhan@athens.edu

256-233-8108
Holly.hicks@athens.edu

Special Accommodations:

Graduates and/or their guests, who need special accommodations for the ceremony should contact the Office of Academic Affairs **no later than April 17, 2026**.

Exit Counseling:

*To graduates who had a student loan while attending Athens State University, the Financial Aid Office would like to remind you that the Federal Government requires you to complete **exit counseling** at Studentloans.gov.*

University Bookstore:

UNIVERSITY BOOKSTORE

**On the campus of Athens State University
Ground floor of Sandridge Student Center**

Phone: 256-233-8249

Email: bookstore@athens.edu

Regular Business Hours

**MON – THUR 9 AM – 4:30 PM
SAT – SUN CLOSED**

Hours for Graduation

**Friday before Graduation 8 AM – 6 PM
Graduation Day 7AM – 6 PM**

Photographs:



The Grad Team **is pleased to be the exclusive graduation photographer for your school.** The Grad Team photographers will take professional pictures of each and every graduate as they receive their diploma and exit the stage at the graduation ceremony. **There is no charge for this service and there is no obligation to order.**

Take advantage of Selfie Signup for faster photo delivery:

[Selfie Signup for Graduation Photos – The Grad Team](#)

Customer Service number: 800-482-0321.

<https://thegradteam.com/>

Ceremony Live stream/Video

For those who aren't able to attend, we will be streaming the live event. Links will be made available through the [Athens State University website](#) and social media accounts.

Maps

https://www.google.com/maps/place/Lindsay+Lane+Baptist+Church/@34.787918,-86.9334502,681m/data=!3m1!1e3!4m6!3m5!1s0x88628af08b3e21cd:0xb45dd0a3dc9ee0c3!8m2!3d34.7877714!4d-86.9312018!16s%2Fg%2F1tsjfcg2?entry=ttu&_ep=EgoyMDI1MDgxOS4wIKXMDSOASAFQAw%3D%3D