

# Special Seating Accommodation

## ADVANCE RESERVATION REQUIRED

The Commencement ceremony will be held in Hermann Court, which offers stadium seating on one side (seats with backs) and bleacher seating on the other (seats with no backs). There are no hand rails ascending into either of these seating areas. If your guest cannot climb steep stairs without a handrail, you should consider requesting special seating accommodation. There is limited reserved special seating accommodation for guests with mobility issues on the main floor of Hermann Court. **Seats are reserved for individuals in wheelchairs or those who cannot easily navigate stairs. Wheelchairs are not provided.** Unless your guest will arrive in a wheelchair, seating will be in non-padded folding metal chairs. Hermann Court is **NOT AIR CONDITIONED.**

To reserve special seating accommodation, complete the "Special Seating Accommodation Request 2019" form at <http://www.wilmington.edu/current-students/commencement/> by **Monday, APRIL 1.** The request form is also available on WCportal/My Academics tab. Each guest requiring special seating accommodation will use one of the six (6) tickets provided to each senior. Special ticket identification for accommodated guests and one family member will be provided *after* receipt of your request.

One (**and only one**) family member is required to be a designated assistant and must sit with the guest(s) needing special seating accommodation. This person will also need a ticket designated for the special seating accommodation area. Restrooms are handicapped accessible and are conveniently located. If your guest requires assistance with restroom needs, including assistance reaching the facility, **it is the responsibility of the designated assistant to provide those services.** Wilmington College employees are NOT responsible for assisting guests in the restrooms.

**Early arrival for special seating accommodation is required and begins at 9:15 a.m. All guests MUST seated by 10:15 a.m.** Guests not requiring accessible seating may enter Hermann Court at 9:30. *No one will be allowed to enter Hermann Court during the processional.*

The length of the ceremony, which begins with the processional at 10:15 a.m., will be approximately two hours. You will need to bring items necessary (bottled water is permissible) for your guests to be comfortably seated for at least **three** hours. Electrical outlets to power medical devices are not available.

**PARKING.** Guests with reserved special seating accommodation should be dropped off behind Hermann Court. Cars will need to be moved immediately after dropping off guests to designated areas reserved for parking. Parking attendants will be available to direct traffic. Handicapped parking in the campus lots will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Ohio law mandates only vehicles displaying a handicapped sign are permitted to use handicapped parking spaces.