Order of Events

Prologue Concert
The Brass Quintet

“Celebrating Iowa” Video

Faculty Procession
Trumpet Voluntary

Call to Order
Melissa Febos, Faculty Marshal
Professor, English

Singing of the National Anthem
Christian Frankl, Class of 2023

Welcome
Sara Sanders
Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Student Address
David Roth, Class of 2023

Conferral of Degrees
Dean Sanders
Barbara Wilson
President, University of Iowa

Tassel Ceremony
Dean Sanders

Presentation of the Graduates
Roland Racevskis
Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Closing Remarks
Dean Sanders

Recession
Allegro Maestro from Walter Music G.F. Handel
The Brass Quintet
   Michael Gause, Trumpet
   Kevin Sells, Trumpet
   Keelie Kruse, Horn
   Jonathan Allen, Trombone
   John Manning, Tuba

Sign Language Interpreter
Hands Up Communication

Academic Procession

Robert Cargill
Associate Professor, Classics

Christopher Cheatum
Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Mariola Espinosa
Associate Professor, History

Melissa Febos
Professor, English

Loren Glass
Professor, English

Motier Haskins
Associate Professor of Instruction, School of Social Work

Eric Hunter
Professor, Communication Sciences and Disorders

Brandi Janssen
Clinical Associate Professor, College of Public Health

Ryan Kinser
Associate Professor, Mathematics

Elizabeth Kleiman
Associate Professor of Instruction, Computer Science

Emilie Maurel-Destruel
Associate Professor, French and Italian

Kristy Nabhan-Warren
Associate Vice President for Research, University of Iowa

Roland Racevskis
Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Sara Sanders
Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Bennett Sims
Assistant Professor, English

Tina Tootle
Professor, Biology

Barbara Wilson
President, University of Iowa

Michael Winker
Lecturer, Health and Human Physiology
ABOUT THE COLLEGE

The University of Iowa College of Liberal Arts and Sciences empowers inquiring and motivated students to explore the entire range of human learning — from the arts and humanities to the social, natural, and mathematical sciences— in preparation for meaningful lives and rewarding careers. At our founding in 1901, the college instructed about 600 students in four courses of study. Today, nearly 15,000 undergraduates are enrolled in our college. Roughly 80 percent of all UI undergraduates begin their studies in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and we award about 60 percent of all undergraduate degrees on Iowa’s campus.

Alumni of the college are pioneers in everything from space physics, medicine, and neuroscience, to theatre, television, and film; they are professional athletes and accomplished artists; and have won Pulitzer Prizes, Olympic medals, Oscars, Emmys, and more. We are immensely proud of each of our hardworking graduates, who will carry their Iowa experience into their professional and civic lives as original thinkers and engaged citizens of their communities and the world.

Academic Recognition

High academic achievement is recognized upon graduation in three ways: graduation with distinction, based upon grades only; graduation with honors in the major, based upon both grades and the completion of an honors project approved by the college and the major department; and graduation with university honors, based on grades and completion of a formal curriculum of honors coursework and experiences.

The college awards degrees “with highest distinction” to students in the highest 2 percent of their graduating class; “with high distinction” to students in the next highest 3 percent; and “with distinction” to the next highest 5 percent. The ranking is based on students’ grade point averages for both University of Iowa coursework and all college-level study undertaken before final registration.

To be eligible for graduation with distinction, students must complete a minimum of 60 semester hours in residence in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, of which at least 45 semester hours must have been completed before the student’s final registration.

Stars worn on the left sleeve designate graduation with distinction: Three stars indicate graduation with highest distinction; two, with high distinction; and one, with distinction.

Candidates graduating with honors in the major wear white cordon to mark their achievements. Candidates graduating with university honors are recognized by a medal worn on a black and gold lanyard. Students graduating with Phi Beta Kappa honors — indicating their acceptance into the oldest and most prestigious national honor society for students in the liberal arts and sciences — wear a pink and sky-blue cordon.