

**CONGRATULATIONS
GRADUATE!**

CLASS OF

2023



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2023

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023

DON HASKINS CENTER

[UTEP.EDU/COMMENCEMENT](https://utep.edu/commencement)

COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION

LOCATION:

DON HASKINS CENTER

TIMES:

SATURDAY – DECEMBER 16, 2023

- 1:00 PM - College of Health Sciences and College of Nursing
- 6:00 PM - Woody L. Hunt College of Business and College of Science

SUNDAY – December 17, 2023

- 1:00 PM - College of Liberal Arts
- 6:00 PM - College of Engineering and College of Education

A NOTE FROM THE TEAM

We know that your graduation from UTEP is an important event in your life and in the lives of those who have helped you reach this goal. It is important in the life of the University as well, and it should be a meaningful and rewarding experience for everyone. We hope this information provides the answers to your questions about the commencement ceremony, and helps to ensure that you, your family, and friends have a memorable experience at this joyous event, marking your transition from student to alumnus.

BEST WISHES AND CONGRATULATIONS!

**FROM THE REGISTRATION AND RECORDS OFFICE, THE
OFFICE OF UNIVERSITY RELATIONS, AND YOUR UTEP
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

BEFORE COMMENCEMENT

- Go to www.utep.edu/commencement for updated information on commencement and college ceremonies.
- RSVP! However, please note that RSVPs are for statistical purposes only. They do not assign you a seat at commencement.
- Purchase your regalia (cap and gown are required to participate in Commencement). You can purchase your regalia during Grad Fair or after Grad Fair in the UTEP Bookstore.
- Undergraduate students: Visit [our website](#), to see if you are eligible for a tuition rebate. On the “Student Forms” menu, click, Tuition Rebate Program Application. Turn in the completed application to the Registration & Records Office in the Mike Loya Academic Services Building Room 107 before graduation.

COMMENCEMENT DAY

- Please arrive at Memorial Gym at least an hour prior to the ceremony.
- Check-in will begin inside of Auxiliary Gym (room 120) at the following times:

**For 1 PM Ceremonies:
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM**

**For 6 PM Ceremonies:
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM**

- Leave all personal items (backpacks, mobile devices, purses, coats, etc.) at home or in your automobile. These items (along with food, beverages, beach balls, balloons, confetti, noise makers, silly string, etc.) will not be allowed in the Don Haskins Center.
- Don Haskins has a clear bag policy. Only clear/transparent bags will be allowed in Don Haskins for the ceremony. Please ensure you plan ahead and share this information with your family to avoid entry delay.

- Though your family and friends are an important part of commencement, childcare services will not be provided, and children may not accompany graduates during the commencement ceremony. Please make appropriate plans for the care of your children.
- Wear regalia and comfortable shoes, and out of courtesy to your fellow graduates, please remain for the duration of the ceremony.
- The procession will depart from Memorial Gym to the Don Haskins Center at the following times:

For 1:00 PM Ceremonies:

12:45 PM

For 6:00 PM Ceremonies:

5:45 PM

Please ensure that you have checked in and picked up your reader card prior to these times.

 **REMEMBER** 

1. THE USE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON THE PREMISES IS PROHIBITED
2. ARRIVE ON TIME FOR CHECK-IN WEARING YOUR CAP AND GOWN
3. FAMILY MEMBERS ARE NOT ALLOWED AT MEMORIAL GYM
4. ARRIVE PROMPTLY TO ALLOW TIME FOR CHECK-IN AND FINDING IN YOUR ASSIGNED SPOT IN LINE
5. CLEAR BAGS ONLY INSIDE OF DON HASKINS

FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY:

- The Don Haskins Center will open one hour prior to the ceremony. Family and friends should plan to arrive at least 60 minutes before the ceremony. Due to the large crowds, choice parking and seating will be limited. Please be mindful of little children. PLEASE NOTE: Baby strollers, balloons, noise makers, glass containers, tripods, and banners are not permitted in the Don Haskins Center. Reserving seats is not allowed.
- General parking is available north of the Don Haskins Center of Sun Bowl Dr and north of the Sun Bowl Stadium and Kidd Field. Plan to arrive via Sun Bowl Dr and avoid N Mesa and Oregon St. Please do not park in any reserved parking areas.
- Visit <https://www.utep.edu/commencement/> for directions and parking location maps.
- Disabled parking areas are located at the north end of the Don Haskins Center.
- Wheelchair accessible seating is available in Sections E, I, R and V. Refer to the ceremony diagrams in this booklet for the location of these sections. Questions concerning services available for individuals with disabilities may be directed to the Center for Accommodations and Support

Services at 747-5148.

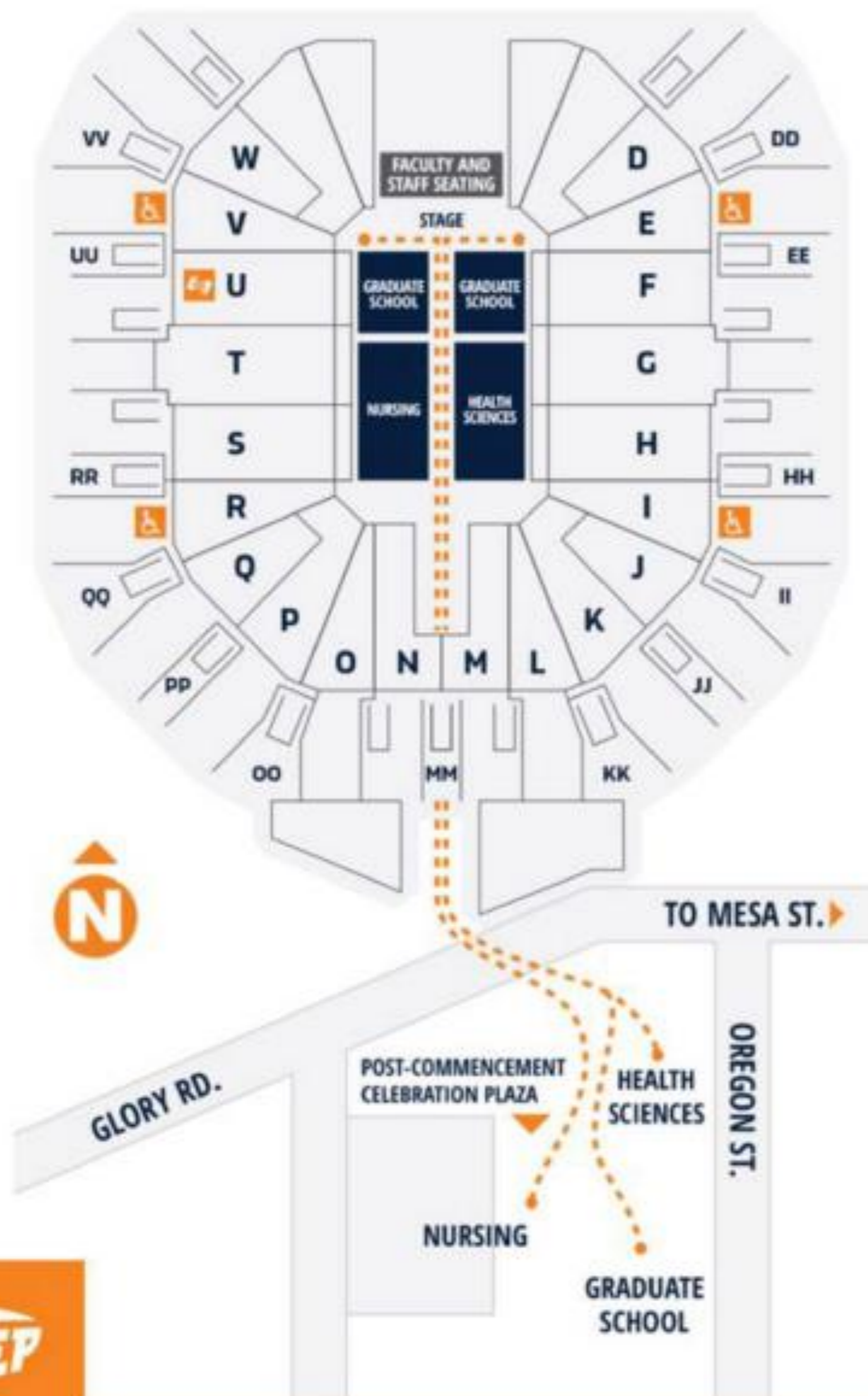
- Only candidates and faculty are allowed to enter through the South Tunnel entrance
- Graduates will be seated in the Don Haskins Center in alphabetical order by college. After the ceremony, graduates will exit the Don Haskins Center through the south tunnel entrance and reunite with family and friends in the “Celebration Plaza,” located south of the Don Haskins Center. College signs will specify the meeting location. Refer to the ceremony diagrams for seating and post-commencement waiting areas.
- Please respect the calling of all graduates’ names by refraining from long and disrupting celebrations, and by remaining seated throughout the entire ceremony, to ensure that each name is heard clearly by the entire audience.
- Ceremonies are expected to last approximately 2 hours.

Health Sciences and Nursing

Saturday, December 16, 2023 @ 1:00 PM

STUDENT SEATING & WAITING AREAS

- Graduates will check-in at Memorial Gym starting at 11:00 AM
- For families and guests, the doors of the Don Haskins will open at 12:00 PM.
- Graduates will recess through the center aisle and out the south tunnel of the Don Haskins Center.
- Family members may meet their graduates in Lot GRS.

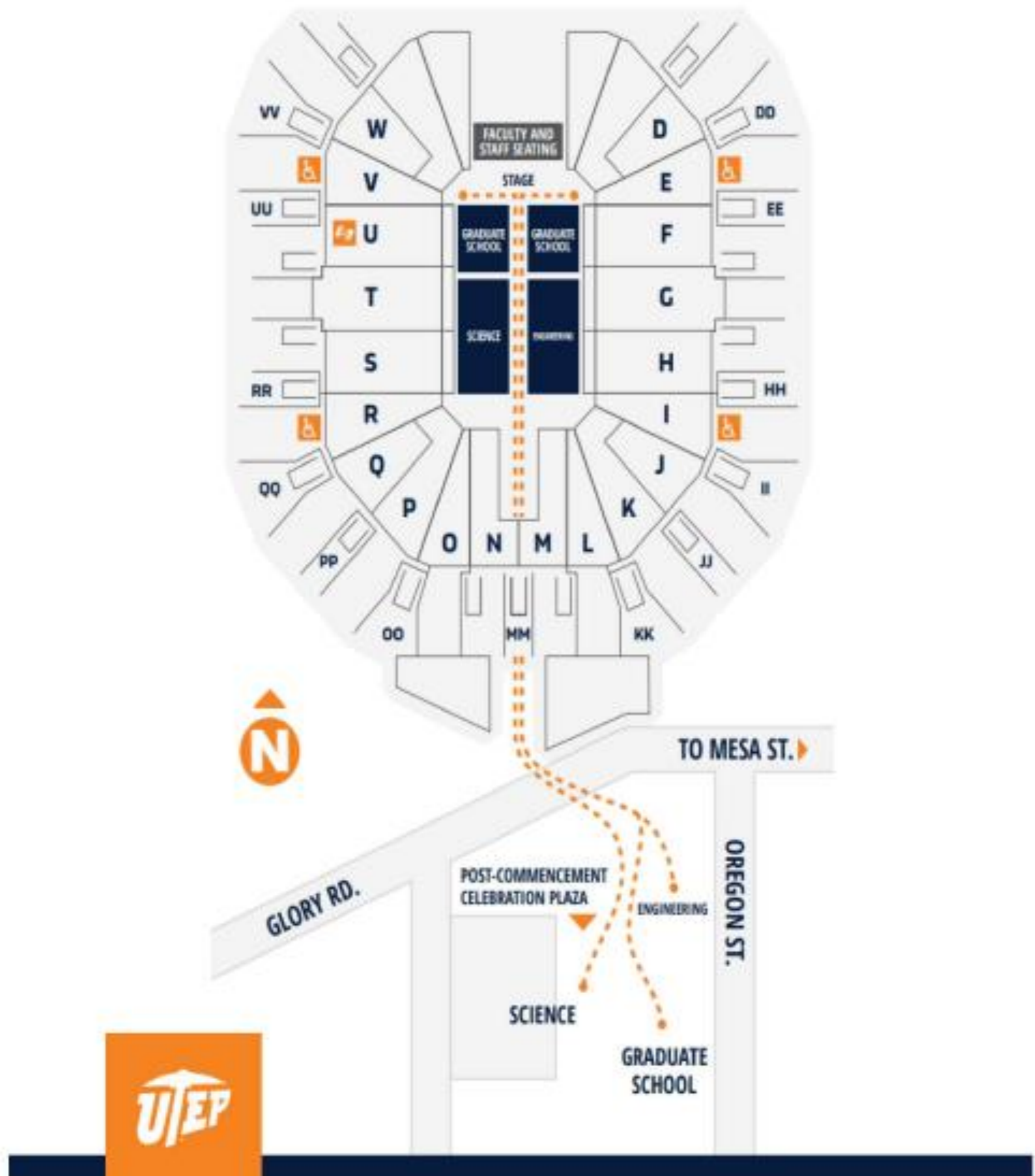


Business & Science

Saturday, December 16, 2023 @ 6:00 PM

STUDENT SEATING & WAITING AREAS

- Graduates will check-in at Memorial Gym starting at 4:00 PM
- For families and guests, the doors of the Don Haskins will open at 5:00 PM.
- Graduates will recess through the center aisle and out the south tunnel of the Don Haskins Center.
- Family members may meet their graduates in Lot GRS.

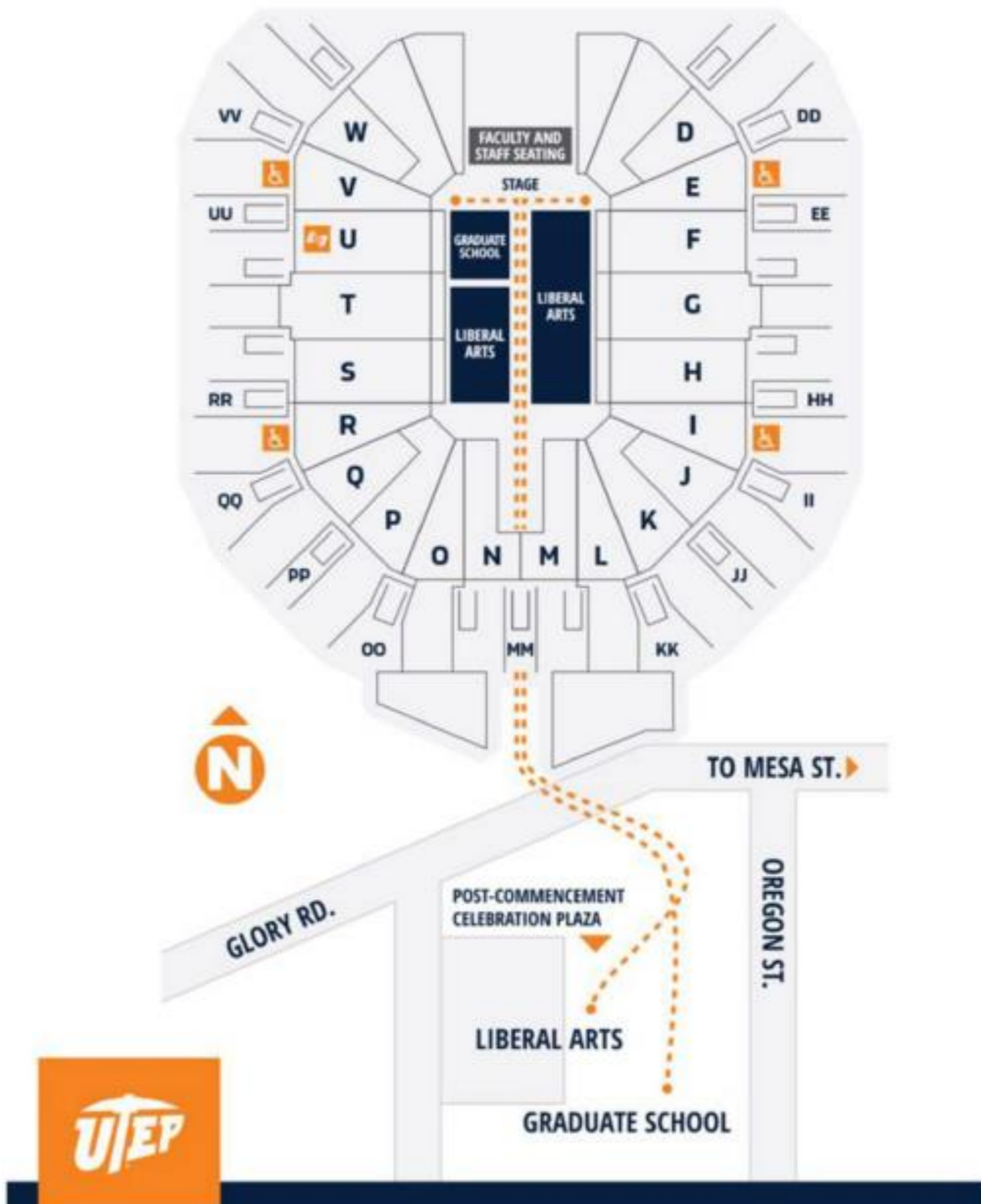


Liberal Arts

Sunday, December 17, 2023 @ 1:00 PM

STUDENT SEATING & WAITING AREAS

- Graduates will check-in at Memorial Gym starting at 11:00 AM
- For families and guests, the doors of the Don Haskins will open at 12:00 PM.
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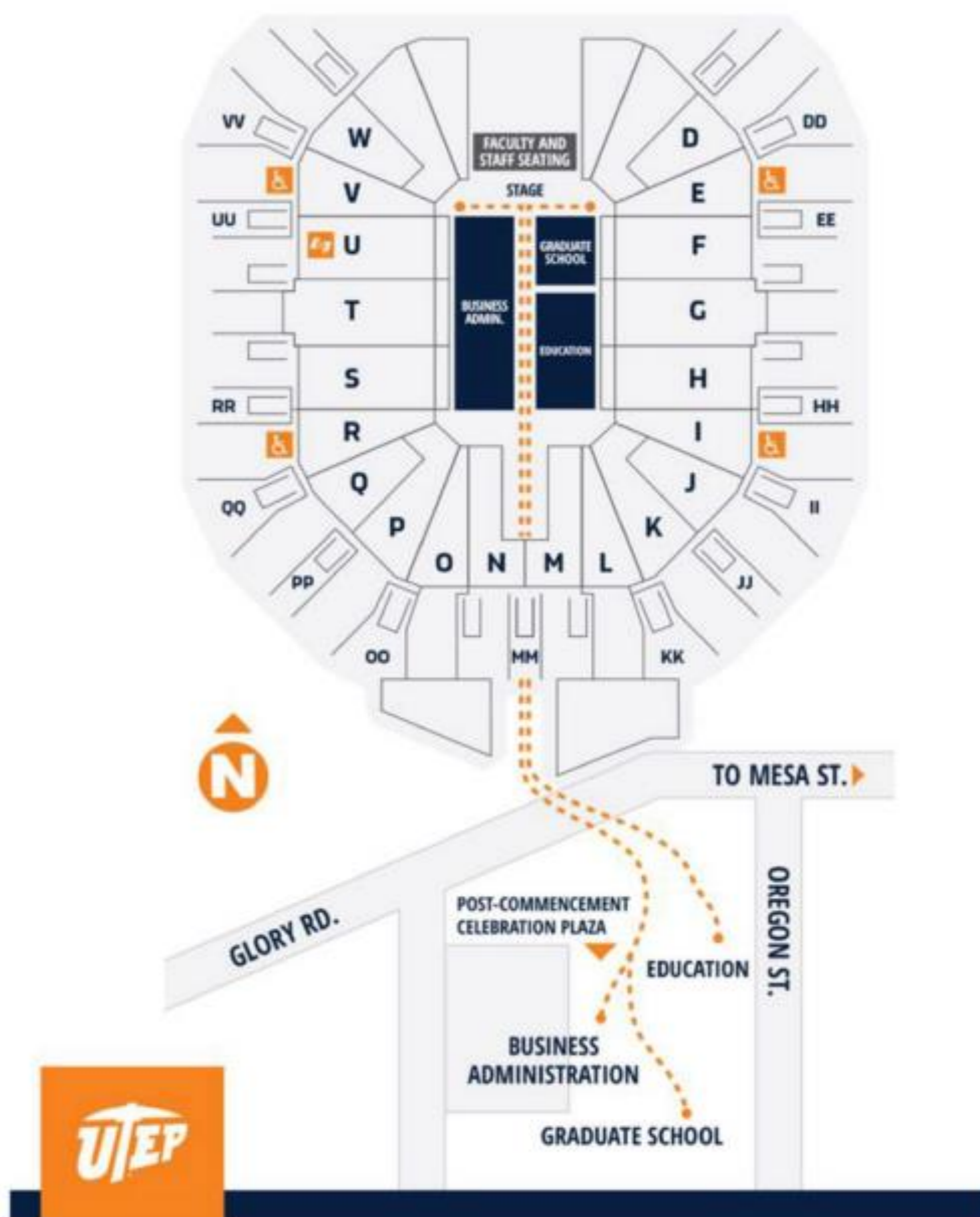


Engineering and Education

Sunday, December 17, 2023 @ 6:00 PM

STUDENT SEATING & WAITING AREAS

- Graduates will check-in at Memorial Gym starting at 4:00 PM
- For families and guests, the doors of the Don Haskins will open at 5:00 PM.
- Graduates will recess through the center aisle and out the south tunnel of the Don Haskins Center.
- Family members may meet their graduates in Lot GRS.





**Don't miss the Fall 2023 Grad Fair,
the one-stop-shop for all your graduation needs!**

Tuesday, October 10: 2pm – 7pm
Wednesday, October 11: 2pm – 7pm
Thursday, October 12: 9am – 12pm

What can you do at Grad Fair?

- Order your official graduation regalia and 2023 Commemorative UTEP Medallion
- Order an official UTEP Class Ring from Jostens
- Explore options and/or order graduation announcements
- Check-in with the University Events team about specific commencement information
- Meet with the Registration & Records team to verify you are all set for graduation
- Connect with College-specific representatives to ensure you are cleared for graduation
 - *Applicable to select colleges/schools who are participating***

Want to take graduation headshot photos early? [Grad Images](#), the official Commencement photographer will be on-site taking graduation photos (in regalia) for any students who want to take their photo ahead of time.

Visit our website to learn more:

alumni.utep.edu/gradfair

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**WELCOME TO THE UTEP
ALUMNI FAMILY**



**Miners Forever.
Stronger Together.**

STAY CONNECTED



Just because you've left UTEP doesn't mean that UTEP has left you! As Miner Alumni, there are many ways for you to stay connected to your alma mater and to each other. We hope you remain connected to share your stories and to serve as proud UTEP ambassadors.

**Join an Alumni network to
stay connected beyond graduation.**

ALUMNI NETWORKS

- Austin Alumni Network
- Black Alumni Network
- Woody L. Hunt College of Business Alumni Network
- College of Engineering Alumni Network
- Dallas/Ft. Worth Alumni Network
- Houston Alumni Network
- Juarez Alumni Network
- Mid-Atlantic Region Alumni Network
- PRIDE Alumni Network
- Rocky Mountain Alumni Network
- San Antonio Alumni Network
- College of Nursing Alumni Network
- Social Work Alumni Network
- Young Alumni Network

WHY STAY CONNECTED?

Because we are stronger together.

Whether you graduated in 1960 or in 2023, you are part of a growing network of more than 100,000 like-minded mighty miners.

**SIGN UP TO JOIN A
NETWORK TODAY!**

alumni.utep.edu/networks

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO CLEAR BAG POLICY



APPROVED BAGS

- ✓ Bags that are clear plastic, vinyl or PVC and do not exceed 12"W x 6"D x 12" H.
- ✓ One-gallon clear plastic freezer bag (Ziploc™ bag or smaller).
- ✓ Small clutch bag approximately the size of a hand (4.5" x 6.5" or smaller), with or without a handle or strap. This can be carried separately or within a plastic bag.
- ✓ Medical bags that contain health necessary items are acceptable after proper inspection and approval from stadium personnel/security.

All other bags are prohibited when entering the venue.



APPROVED BAG EXAMPLES



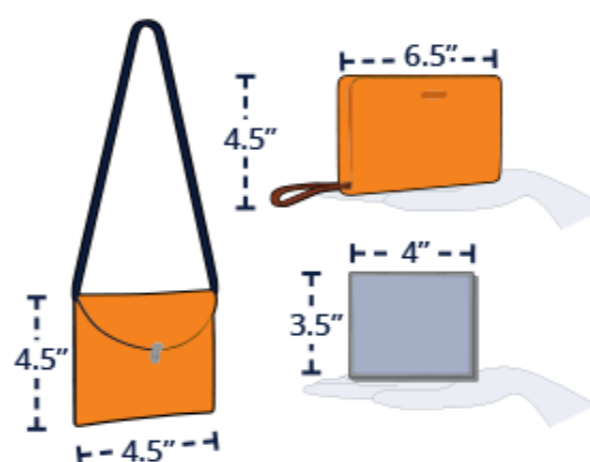
Clear Tote

Clear Plastic Vinyl or PVC
Does not exceed 12" x 6" x 12"



Plastic Storage Bag

1 Gallon - Re-usable, Clear



Small Clutch Bag

Approximately the size of a hand, with or without a strap.
No larger than 4.5" x 6.5"

PROHIBITED BAG EXAMPLES



Backpack



Binocular Case



Camera Case



Fanny Pack



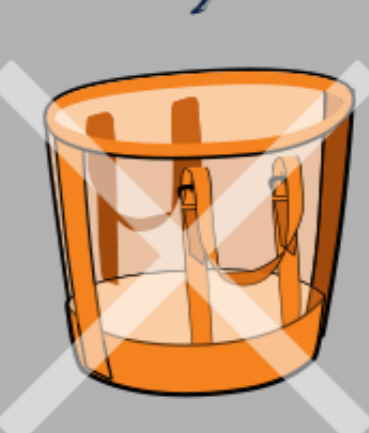
Large Printed Bags



Mesh Bag



Purse



Tinted Plastic Bags

PROHIBITED ITEMS: aerosol cans; animals (service dogs or service dogs in training permitted); artificial noisemakers; balloons; bats, poles and sticks; car seats and baby strollers; coolers/ice chests; camera lenses larger than 4"; e-cigarettes; firearms and fireworks; flags on poles; glass bottles; illegal drugs; laser pointers; lawn chairs; missile-like objects; objects that can be used as projectiles (i.e. balls); outside food and beverages including alcohol (exceptions will be made for those with medical requirements and/or special needs); scooters, strollers, bicycles, roller skates and skateboards; tobacco products; tripods, monopods and selfie sticks; umbrellas; unauthorized video cameras and drones; water bottles (one sealed, plastic water bottle permitted per patron); weapons; any object that might pose a risk to the guest or others.

For more information, please visit UTEPMiners.com/ClearBagPolicy

RESOURCE GUIDE

UTEP.EDU/COMMENCEMENT

DEAN OF STUDENTS

915-747-5648
utep.edu/student-affairs/dean-of-students-office

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

915-747-5241
utep.edu/business

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

915-747-5572
utep.edu/education

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

915-747-6444
utep.edu/engineering

COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

915-747-7280
utep.edu/chs

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

915-747-5666
utep.edu/liberalarts

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE

915-747-5536
utep.edu/science

COLLEGE OF NURSING

915-747-8337
utep.edu/nursing

SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

915-747-8519
utep.edu/pharmacy

GRADUATE SCHOOL

915-747-5491
utep.edu/graduate

CENTER FOR ACCOMMODATIONS AND SUPPORT SERVICES

915-747-5148
utep.edu/student-affairs/cass

REGISTRATION AND RECORDS

915-747-7327
utep.edu/student-affairs/registrar

OFFICE OF UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

915-747-8244
utep.edu/university-relations

OFFICE OF ALUMNI RELATIONS

915-747-8600
alumni.utep.edu

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915-747-5594
bkstr.com/texaselpasostore/home

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