



SSW SUMMER 2026 COMMENCEMENT ACCESSIBILITY INFORMATION

The University of Michigan School of Social Work strives to ensure that all graduates and guests can participate fully in commencement.

Mobility

Accessible entrances are available on the east and west sides of Hill Auditorium. Passengers with special needs can be dropped off at the west entrance, adjacent to Thayer Street.

Those in need of accessible seating should use the west entrance on Thayer Street.

Graduating students/students with guests who have a concern or special need in relation to access (wheelchair use, require accessible and/or special seating, require other support services, etc.) to the Hill Auditorium, please contact the Office of Student Services and Enrollment Management at ssw.graduation@umich.edu **at the earliest date possible, and no later than Saturday, July 18th, 2026.**

The post-commencement reception will be held in the School of Social Work Lower Level Atrium immediately following commencement. The front building entrance offers an automatic door. The Lower Level Atrium can be accessed via elevator.

Real-Time Captioning and Sign Language

A seating area with real-time captioning is available for those with hearing impairments. In addition, a sign language interpreter will be present during the ceremony.

The School of Social Work Commencement will be live-streamed at ssw.umich.edu. Captioning will be available.

Ceremony/Reception Parking

The Thayer street parking structure located at 216 S. Thayer Street will be open to the public for parking at no charge. The Fletcher street parking structure located at 201 Fletcher Street will also be open to the public for parking at no charge. Handicap parking is available in both structures. There is also metered parking available on side streets near Hill Auditorium. For driving directions & campus maps: <https://campusinfo.umich.edu/campusmap>

Reception Parking

The Hill Street Parking structure located at 1001 Hill Street (near the Ross Business School) will be open to the public for parking at no charge. This parking lot is a short walk to the School of Social Work. Additional parking is located in the S. Forest City Parking Structure located at 650 S. Forest St. This parking lot is two blocks from the School of Social Work and charges \$1.50/hr. Reception attendees may also walk from Hill Auditorium and leave their cars parked in the Thayer or Fletcher Parking Structures for the day. Handicap parking is available in all of these structures. A few handicapped parking spaces are also available on S. University Ave. across from the School of Social Work for an hourly fee.

Additional questions about accessibility or special accommodations can be sent to ssw.graduation@umich.edu