

# SSW SUMMER 2024 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.

Graduates or candidates who use wheelchairs, have difficulty navigating steps, or require other support services in order to participate in the School of Social Work Commencement ceremony are asked to contact **ssw.graduation@umich.edu** to make special arrangements by July 15, 2024.

The post-commencement reception will be held at the School of Social Work. The building has three entrances (including the main entrance) which are accessible via automatic door. Refreshments will be offered in the Lower Level Atrium which can be accessed by elevator.

## **Accessible Seating**

Guests that require accessible and/or special seating should plan to arrive at Hill Auditorium by 9AM and approach an usher for assistance. Guests with accessible and/or special seating needs will be seated first and accessible/special seating will open at 9AM. Regular seating will open at 9:10AM. There is ample accessible seating for family/guests.

## 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 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: <a href="https://campusinfo.umich.edu/campusmap">https://campusinfo.umich.edu/campusmap</a>

#### **Reception Parking**

The Hill Street Parking structure located at 1001 Hill Street (near the Ross Business School) will be open to the public (beginning at 11am) 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.

Additional questions about accessibility or special accommodations can be sent to <a href="mailto:ssw.graduation@umich.edu">ssw.graduation@umich.edu</a>.