

COMMENCEMENT GUIDE FOR FACULTY

This Commencement Guide provides important details about participation in the commencement ceremony. This year marks the 59th commencement for John Jay College of Criminal Justice. The ceremony will be held on **Monday, June 1, 2026 at 3:30pm** at **Barclays Center**, 620 Atlantic Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11217. Faculty should **arrive by 2:00pm**, which is when doors will open. Ceremony begins at 3:30pm.

FACULTY Please enter through the QATAR AIRWAYS VIP ENTRANCE, in the northwest corner of the arena on Atlantic Avenue. There will be directional assistants to guide you to the **NEW faculty robing area – Toki Row** (take elevator upstairs to CL). *Note:* The QATAR entrance will **CLOSE** for faculty at 4pm. Please refer to the Barclays map on page 3 for the Qatar Airways VIP Entrance (#2; [618 Atlantic Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11217](https://www.barclayscenter.com/locations/618-atlantic-ave-brooklyn-ny-11217)).

GETTING THERE

By Subway - Take 2, 3, 4, 5, B, D, N, Q, or R trains to Atlantic Terminal-Barclays Center Station. This stop is located at Atlantic Avenue and Flatbush Avenue. You can also take the C train to Lafayette Avenue Station located at Fulton Street and South Portland Ave or the G train to Fulton Street Station, located on Fulton Street and Fort Greene Place.

By Long Island Rail Road - Barclays Center coordinates subway/rail service with the MTA and LIRR. Please visit <http://web.mta.info/lirr/Timetable/> and <https://new.mta.info/agency/long-island-rail-road> for more information.

PARKING

Please note that Barclays Center *DOES NOT* own or operate any garages. There are multiple independently owned and operated parking garages in the vicinity. To avoid traffic congestion and delays, it is highly recommended that attendees use public transit.

ARRIVAL TIME

Please arrive **by 2:00pm for the ceremony**, which is when doors will open. Only one ceremony is being hosted for all graduating students. There will be light refreshments for faculty provided at Barclays in **Toki Row**. In the event you are late, the faculty entrance will be **closed** at 4pm.

CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE - FACULTY

Full-time faculty members are expected to attend commencement; part-time faculty members are encouraged to attend. **By the May 20th RSVP deadline**, *please confirm your attendance with this link:* [2026 Commencement RSVP](https://www.barclayscenter.com/2026-commencement-rsvp) or email commencement@jjay.cuny.edu indicating your attendance, so that the appropriate seating arrangements on stage can be made. Failure to RSVP could mean that there are not enough seats on stage. Please help us to avoid this.

FACULTY WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Any faculty person with special needs, who will require assistance on the day of commencement, must **contact Keisha Pottinger-Moore** in Human Resources at 212-484-1152 or kpottingermoore@jjay.cuny.edu. For instance, there are stairs to navigate in order to reach the stage. It is important *to make any request for assistance in advance* of commencement day, as we cannot guarantee sufficient support otherwise.

FACULTY REGALIA

You must wear the appropriate academic regalia to be in the procession and be seated on the stage. The College covers the expense of regalia rental for *full-time faculty only*. [Note: The deadline to order and receive gowns on time was **Mon, April 13**]. If you do not have your own gown and you *did not order by the deadline, you will not be able to participate in the procession*.

Gowns will be delivered to the Provost's Office. You will be notified when your regalia arrives. Once notified, *please pick up your gown from the Provost's office (621HH) ASAP* to ensure you have it on the day of commencement (and for graduate hooding May 28th). If you prefer, you can pick it up at commencement instead.

THERE IS NO RENTING OF ACADEMIC ATTIRE ON COMMENCEMENT DAY. ALL ORDERS MUST HAVE BEEN DONE IN ADVANCE BY THE DEADLINE.

Regalia will be collected by Maribel Perez and her team at the Barclays Center following the ceremony. Or you can return it to her office by Friday, June 5th. If you have questions or concerns, email commencement@jjay.cuny.edu.

CEREMONY ETIQUETTE

Please note that the ceremony is recorded and live streamed. Refrain from grading papers, using headphones, reading, or doing any activities that distract from the ceremony. If you have questions, please direct them to commencement@jjay.cuny.edu.

Map of entrance for faculty into Barclays Center:
[618 Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11217](#) (#2 on map).

