Commencement FAQs:

How long is the ceremony?
The length of the ceremony can vary, but it is generally about two and a half (2.0) hours in length.

When will I get my diploma?
As diplomas are not distributed during Commencement, they may be picked up at the Commencement Reception at the Hilton New York. For additional information, please reach out to the Registrar Office.

Where is Carnegie Hall?
881 7th Avenue, New York, NY 10019

Is there reserved seating?
There is no reserved seating.

Are there any other events happening in addition to the Commencement ceremony?
Yes, the Commencement Reception will be held after Commencement at The New York Hilton at 1335 Avenue of Americas starting at 2:30 pm.

Does my child need a ticket?
Yes, children can attend the ceremony and require a ticket, regardless of age.

If I am graduating and participation in the ceremony, do I have to wear a cap and gown?
Yes, all participating students and faculty must be robed.

As a graduate, do I go up on stage during the ceremony?
Yes, each candidate will go up on stage after their name is announced to meet with the President and Dean.

If I am graduating and participating in the ceremony, will I need a ticket?
No. You will enter at the Stage Door Entrance (161 West 56th Street, between 6th and 7th Avenue). Security personnel will have a list of names at the stage door and will ask you to identify yourself.

Where does faculty pick up their regalia?
You will be picking up your regalia at Carnegie Hall the morning of Commencement in The Citigroup Café.

Who may I contact for additional Commencement information?
Please continue to look at the Commencement page for updated information. If you are still having trouble locating the information you need, please email the Education Events Office at wcmccommencement@med.cornell.edu or stop at the office in Olin Hall Room 231.