

## **FLOW OF THE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY PROGRAM**

### **I. Graduation Ceremony for Doctorate Graduates/ 13.30**

The diplomas of doctoral program graduates will be conferred in Kemal Kurdaş Hall at the Cultural and Convention Center. Academic administrators, faculty, graduates (in their academic gowns) and guests will attend the ceremony. After the ceremony, doctoral program graduates and faculty may join the ceremony procession and attend the ceremony to be held in the METU Stadium.

### **II. Graduation Ceremony for Higher Vocational School, undergraduate, and graduate programs**

#### **Graduates' gathering in the field next to the Barracks Sports Hall / 17:15**

Graduates, in their academic gowns, will gather at the soil football field next to the Barracks Sports Hall at the locations reserved for them. The Departmental locations where graduates will come together on the grass field will have been marked with signboards. Graduates will line up such that MA graduates are in front and BA/BS graduates are behind them. Research Assistants assigned by the Department Chairpersons will guide graduates in following this arrangement at this stage.

Graduates without academic gowns will not be allowed to enter the ceremony area.

#### **Gathering of Academic Administrators and Faculty / 17:25**

Academic Administrators and Faculty will gather at the front entrance gate of the stadium (by the Youth Monument).

Doctoral program graduates will join the procession with the faculty members and take their seats in the area reserved for them.

#### **Ceremony Procession / 17.30**

The ceremony procession will start at the front entrance gate of the stadium accompanied by the METU March played by the Band. The order of elements in the procession will be as follows:

- The Turkish Flag
- The METU Flag
- The University President, Northern Cyprus Campus President, Vice Presidents, General Secretary, Assistants to the President
- Deans and Vice deans, Institute Directors and Assistant Directors
- Department Chairpersons
- Faculty members
- Doctoral program graduates
- Master's, undergraduate, and Higher Vocational School program graduates

Before the faculty members finish their entry to the stadium, the master's and undergraduate program graduates will enter the stadium from the gate facing the Big Sports Hall and move toward the front gate where faculty members enter so as to be ready to join and continue the march by following the faculty members after their entrance.

### **Important Warning to Graduates:**

For the Graduation Ceremony to proceed orderly, graduates should refrain from extreme behavior and acts while passing the tribunes. Moreover, on taking their seats in the field, graduates are expected to listen to the speeches and not to stand up, and to follow any instructions given by the Research Assistants.

### **Handing of Diplomas**

Diplomas will be handed to the graduates on the platforms prepared for each group.

Master's and undergraduate diplomas will be handed by Department Chairpersons, while Graduate Interdisciplinary Graduate diplomas will be handed by the Heads of Departments on the relevant platforms indicated on the stadium schema. Diplomas will be handed within departments, first Master's diplomas and then undergraduate diplomas, each in alphabetical order by surname.

Graduates of double major or minor programs will receive their double major diplomas/minor program certificates together with their major diploma (on the platform where they receive their major diploma). Graduates who completed their major program in the previous academic year and who completed their double major/minor program in this academic year, will receive their major diploma/minor certificates on the platform where the double major/minor certificates are handed.

### **March and Seating Plan**

The University President, the President of the Northern Cyprus Campus, Vice presidents, General Secretary, Assistants to the President, Deans, Vice deans, Institute Directors and Assistant Directors, Department Chairpersons, and Faculty and doctoral program graduates will walk until the end of the platforms in front of the tribunes and then turn left to take their seats prepared in the middle of the field. The Turkish Flag and the METU Flag will be placed on the left and right of the seating area where the president will be.

After the graduates have walked until the next entrance point to the field, they will turn left into the field and walk from behind the chairs toward the seating area reserved for their department.

The Research assistants appointed by the Department Chairpersons will help the graduates find their seats.

The top graduates from the undergraduate programs will walk together with their department graduates, but will get seated in the area reserved for top graduates.