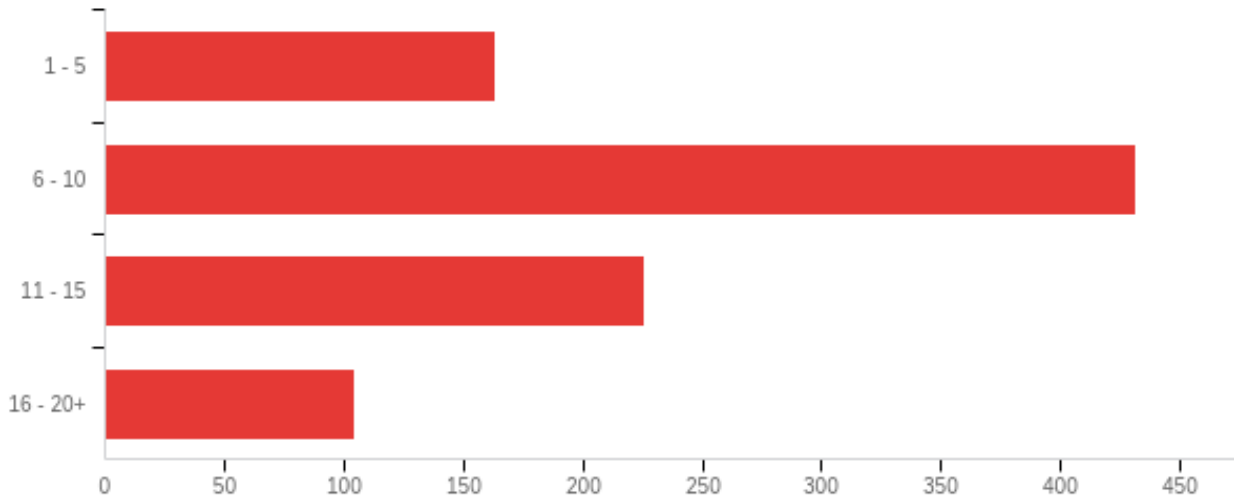


# Graduation Ceremony Survey Results

The follow survey was conducted during the Fall 2019 semester by Student Government Association. Results were used for recommendations that were submitted at the start of the spring 2020 semester. All questions should be sent to [sga@uttyler.edu](mailto:sga@uttyler.edu)

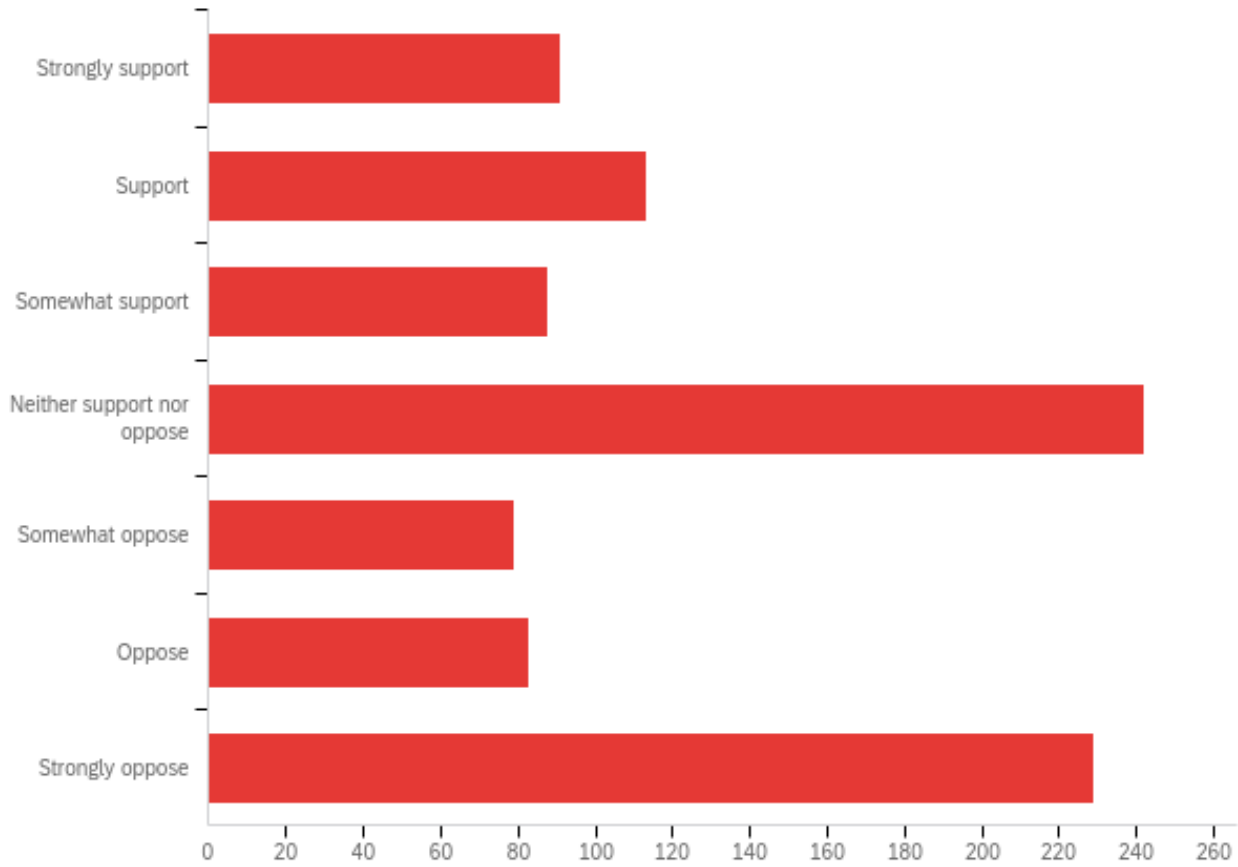
**What is the ideal number of tickets you would need for the commencement ceremony.**



#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	What is the ideal number of tickets you would need for the commencement ceremony.	1.00	4.00	2.29	0.89	0.78	925

#	Answer	%	Count
1	1 - 5	17.62%	163
2	6 - 10	46.70%	432
3	11 - 15	24.43%	226
4	16 - 20+	11.24%	104
	Total	100%	925

## Do you support or oppose the possibility of hosting a commencement ceremony on the Patriot Plaza?



#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Do you support or oppose the possibility of hosting a commencement ceremony on the Patriot Plaza?	1.00	7.00	4.37	2.00	4.00	925

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly support	9.84%	91
2	Support	12.22%	113
3	Somewhat support	9.51%	88
4	Neither support nor oppose	26.16%	242
5	Somewhat oppose	8.54%	79
6	Oppose	8.97%	83
7	Strongly oppose	24.76%	229
	Total	100%	925

## You indicated that you oppose, why?

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Because it will be miserably hot in the middle of August, and I oppose the investment of the Patriot Plaza in the first place. We needed the parking more than a patch of dead grass.

Are you kidding me? You want to clump everyone together outside in a Texas May when the Cowan center is available?

summer heat and humidity would make an outdoor ceremony really unpleasant

An outdoor ceremony would not be ideal due to the possibility of complications with the weather.

Possibility of bad weather, it will be cold, not enough room for everyone to see

Parking and more expensive to hold (chairs, sound system, etc), not good acoustics

I don't like graduations that are an in outdoor facility, especially for those with family members that cannot sit outside during the cold or hot months. It also does not look like a college ceremony if taken place outside.

It's gonna be HOT. What do you mean, WHY???

I am not sure about the weather condition. If it is going to be very hot during the graduation ceremony, I would be very upset.

Heat

It could be hot, rainy, cold and sun would be in your eyes. It could be crowded.

not enough room

It is outside and I don't think that would be ideal for the student as well as the audience.

Not handicap friendly, little space, seating, and parking. Weather would permit outdoor ceremony, as there is usually rain or its already fairly hot outside and older family members and guest might not be able to be in these conditions.

It's outdoors

It's too hot to have a commencement ceremony outside. Graduates take a great deal into making sure they look presentable for this grand occasion and being outside in hot weather would definitely not be suitable for them. Also, have to think about the guests who travel; some or elderly and some babies who can't endure being in that type of weather for a 2hour or so ceremony.

Would prefer my guest be comfortable inside the very nice auditorium, especially in regards to older adults and babies being outside in the May heat. That would not be practical.

You can't predict the weather. If its in the spring its too hot. If its in the winter its too cold.

I enjoy the traditional setting that was held last year. I also do not like taking the risk that weather could play a role in the venue outcome.

Just because of the time I am graduating it will be in December. During the Spring it would be fine though

Why chose an option with so little accessibility and so many points of failure. What happens if it rains?

Weather in Texas is very unpredictable. In December it could be freezing and in May, it can be really hot. Although I love outdoor events, a graduation ceremony would require a lot of planning and it would not be ideal if the weather does not cooperate.

I will graduate in December of 2020. Most likely it will be cold and some of my family members will not be able to see me graduate because they cannot sit outside in the weather.

UT Tyler mentioned that the ceremony will be a single graduation for all of the college. UT Tyler does NOT have the infrastructure to handle this much traffic all at once. A large amount of vehicle traffic does not mix well with pedestrian traffic.

I would like an inside ceremony

I don't know if everyone would for

It will be very hot by then (if we are discussing May graduation)

prefer inside

It is very small and will be challenging to fit everyone and their families not to mention the fact that it is outdoors and weather conditions are unpredictable.

Every spring ceremony would be miserably hot.

It would be too hot in the spring and too cold in December, and it would be difficult for handicapped family members to access.

It is not ideal for weather purposes.

Weather issues

Weather is unpredictable. Not good seating. Overall bad idea

Since graduations are traditionally held in December or May, the weather during those months is not ideal for an outdoor ceremony.

it would be very warm

i prefer indoor graduations; weather is spontaneous. I'd only be okay with this, if it allows students more tickets.

outside in may doesn't sound like fun. This is Texas.

Because the weather is unpredictable. I am a girl I will want to wear heels and grass could be soft.

Graduating in May means the weather is going to be very hot and that is hard on elderly grand parents or people in general

Being outside in Texas is so unpredictable

May is the the rainiest month of the entire year and December is cold. With many graduates trying to finish a semester strong, why add to the chaos with trying to communicate last minute changes to their families? That seems unnecessary.

weather (heat, rain, wind.) wheelchair access?

The winter term graduation has the possibility of taking place in temps around 40° for several hours. Same for the May graduation except it will be 95°+. These temperatures can be harmful to older and younger guests.

The patriot plaza would be uncomfortable, crowded, and subject to the elements

I oppose because it may potentially be too hot outside for our families especially if our older family members are there such as our grandparents.

It's too hot to be outdoors over the summer.

My graduation is in May so I do not want to be miserable in the heat and neither does my family. From what I can tell, there are no backups to the seats at patriot plaza and my older family members will not be able to attend for that reason. I know that the seats are limited in the Cowan Center, but I would love to see a graduation for each college. That way more family members can attend each graduation. To be honest I will not attend graduation if

my whole family can't attend and also if the graduation will be at the Patriot Plaza.

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potential bad weather

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For weather and seating

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Possible insects & grass allergies

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Potential weather

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Limited space for graduates and their respective families. Weather may not be conducive (i.e. rain) or weather is too hot or too cold. It may be uncomfortable (mosquitos and insect bites)

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It's hot outside

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I like for it to be in a closed space. It would be more convenient you would not have to worry about the weather.

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it will be hot and I have a lot of people coming

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It will be the middle of summer in Texas. It will be in the upper 90's with people in long stuffy gowns for over an hour in the heat. I also am against the Patriot Plaza because of how it took away parking for an unattractive plot of grass. No student I know likes the Patriot Plaza.

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I think it would be too hot, and too unorganized. I also think the seating arrangements wouldn't work without it being ridiculously crowded. I have been looking forward to my graduation for years, and I can honestly say thinking about it being at the Patriots Plaza makes me really upset.

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Commencement happens during times that have inclement weather. Even if there isn't a storm, it will either be very cold or very hot.

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Rather have it at cowan center

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Weather, a certain level of prestige graduation inside Vs outside. Outside graduations are in my opinion for high school

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I don't believe it will be comfortable in cold weather or hot weather.

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It's too hot in Texas

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Weather

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It's outdoors. There's the weather, technical issues, it's too public, etc. It turns the grad ceremony into a picnic

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May not be enough space

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No one knows where or what it is and you ruined our parking lot.

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The weather would be too hot

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It all depends on the weather also who wants to sit that long nor me

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It'll be too cold for December graduation

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Weather and space

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Weather is unpredictable and not enough space for all the graduates and families

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Too hot to be outside at the end of the summer term

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It's Texas. The outside is yucky.

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Weather

Holding commencement outdoors at the end of the spring and the summer semesters would be entirely too hot. The Cowan Center is better suited for this reason.

being outdoors in may for a possible 3 hour ceremony with no cover is not the best place to put to many people

Outdoors

Dont feel it would be enough room or executed nicely.

Many of my guests are infants or elderly and the weather may not permit them to attend. I would rather have less tickets than to have the only commencement outside.

Too small of a space. Very uncomfortable for family members and kids in attendance.

It will be hot

The venue is not large enough for students and their friends and family.

It's outdoors. The weather could be bad.

It's open and we cannot control the temperature

Outside

This is not a classy or traditional spot to have a graduation.

It's small and does not provide an equal opportunity for everyone's family and friends. It is unfair that some people get to graduate in the Cowan center while some graduate on the plaza. The majority of students don't want to graduate on the plaza because it will be hot or cold and not have enough space for everyone

Not comfortable for anyone in my family

The lack of the guarantee of good weather

There is a change of the weather being too cold and people getting sick

The Cowan center is a better facility from what I've seen. I went to both of my sisters' graduations at the cowan center. I just think it would be more comfortable inside.

Not enough space. Also, parking will be an issue.

Because it would be a tacky graduation. The Cowan center is way more formally appropriate for a graduation

I do not want to have my graduation outside.

Weather

During both Spring and Winter ceremonies, the weather will be either too hot or too cold to be held outside. Considering many of our guests may be elderly, this is not ideal. Personally, my grandmother would be unable to attend if the weather was not pleasant. In

Not spacious enough for number of graduates and families

I have grandparents that do not do well in the heat.

If the whole college is going it will take to long. I believe they should have each colleges go at different times and on different days.

The weather. May be to cold for December and too hot in May.

Texas weather

Weather conditions vary, I am allergic to grass, heels do not do well on grass, and it rude to have people standing

outside for hours in cold weather to see their relatives graduate.

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Weather, seating

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Too hot

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Weather conditions

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That would be Asinine

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Graduations are a distinguished honor; some of that pride can be taken away by an outside graduation in a small area.

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Hot in summer, rainy in december

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Weather. Not enough seating.

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To hot

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If the ceremony is outside in May, nobody will be happy. It will be hot and gross and not a fun time.

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There is going to be no room for everyone and not enough seating. People will have to be camping out to get a good spot and the weather in Texas is very unpredictable.

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I feel that it wouldn't be ideal due to weather and for having so many guests. I also feel that it would be hard for everyone to see the ceremony. I also don't think every graduation should take place at one time. I feel that each college should get their own graduation.

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Spacing concerns

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There will be elderly with oxygen and people will be getting over heated. What if it rains? The graduation will be in the August and the heat index will be high.

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I strongly oppose hosting graduation on the Patriot Plaza because it is much more comfortable to hold ceremonies inside the Cowan fine Arts Center. The summer is too hot and the weather too variable in Texas.

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I would not want it outside.

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I do not believe commencement should be outside. An inside ceremony is more formal and comfortable for attendants.

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I would rather have a ceremony inside because I graduate in the summer and it would be too hot and ruin pictures.

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There is not enough room, it is on a hill, what is this? Woodstock?? The plaza is hideous and we already have the Cowan center, it is a waste to have graduation there. It is also not handicap accessible and would limit some of my family member's attendance. The plaza would ruin this day for graduates, families, and students taking finals.

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Due to weather

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Hard to get to, Parent + family would have to walk from a far distance to even get there, my grandparents would have a hard time getting down to the plaza, the weather

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The weather is too spotty and unpredictable. It could be unbearably hot, freezing cold, icy, pouring rain, or bad air quality and everyone would be miserable

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My graduation will be in the summer which will be extremely hot, and my grandparents are very old and cannot be in heat like that for very long. It makes me wonder if elderly people and/or disabled people will be able to attend.

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Some family members are old and frail and if weather is extreme that day (rain or heat) they will have a hard time being outside for a long period of time.

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Rain, Wind, Heat, Cold, Bugs, Bird poop

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No outdoor ceremony

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There are too many people in each college to be able to do graduation at the plaza, not to mention it's May in Texas.

As an African American female, being outside in the weather is not conducive to the amount of money spent to have our hair done for the occasion. As small as that may seem, it's rude that on our one day we would have horrible photos and video. I also have a mother who has extensive medical issues ever since her battle with cancer and she CANNOT sit outside for that length of time. Lastly, I have a young daughter (toddler) who will likely need the restroom on more than one occasion...this would clearly be an issue. To force students to graduate outside to promote a plaza that WE DID NOT WANT and a majority of us ARE STILL UPSET ABOUT is both rude and absurd. I don't think any of us paid this grand amount of tuition to be treated this way.

I don't want to be outside graduating when the weather is bad. I also do not think it's a formal enough setting. It's our day as graduates and I can tell you everyone I have talked to cannot stand the idea of it being on the plaza. Especially nursing students graduating in the summer or in December it's too hot and too cold

it's not appropriate for a doctoral graduation.

I oppose hosting the commencement at the Patriot Plaza because it will be summer time, and will be 90+ degrees. For older adults and younger children, that's extremely too hot to be outside for a long period of time.

It will be too hot for an outside event

August Texas Heat!!! Miserable!!!

It will be too hot outside

It will be really hot in August

It will be insanely hot outside

Doesn't seem like enough space

It is difficult for older people to sit outside in the heat or in the cold and it is more difficult to hear. I am also concerned about disabled or elderly people being able to access the ceremony.

Because it will be outside in the middle of May and there is no way to know what the weather will be like

There are several reasons that I oppose. For one, spring weather is all over the place. It would be hard to create a good plan if you cannot predict the weather. Several people I would invite would not be able to come due to it being outside, and it could be and probably would be pretty hot, which would be dreadful for everyone involved. I think that having it inside would be more fitting and appropriate.

Weather, it's will be super hot outside that time of year.

Too hot during the summer. AC is a requirement in Texas when it is summer.

Weather- I'm not going to make my family, specifically my older family members, sit outside for hours to watch me walk a stage. Whether it is super hot or cold, it doesn't seem reasonable.

Heels. Rain. Cold or too hot. Etc

Will Cost me more money I'm sure.

I do not believe the setup for the ceremony would be better than that of the traditional graduation ceremonies.

Not accessible for people who can't walk far. Too hot, rain, or too cold depending on time of year. Graduations have been held at Cowan for a very long time. Perfectly good space why change that just because we want to show off some grassy area? Takes more money to rent chairs, tent, stage, jumbo screen etc. You may not have to raise fees if we just used what buildings and amenities we already have as a campus.

If it's in the summer (August), it will probably be too hot. If it's fall or spring then I support.

Outside facility

I do not like the idea of an outside graduation due to weather/feels informal, unless the number of tickets is increased.



I don't think there enough space plus when it's hot or cold nobody want to be put there getting all sweaty

Summer heat in Texas is not conducive for outdoor events mid-day. Could be difficult for the elderly and children attendees.

Too hot

Ground is un level, Weather, doesn't look professional enough.

I don't want to have to wait long after completing my classes to graduate. That would mean pushing board exams for graduate students to far into the summer.

Weather, accessibility

Because it's going to be summer time, so no one wants to sit in 100 degree weather.

Prefer indoors

It would be to hot and uncomfortable. There is no shade whatsoever!

Weather, Harder on elderly, etc.

I'm concerned about the weather/seating.

Two words. Texas. Heat. It's May. You can't expect people to sit outside in the blistering heat, especially young children and elderly people coming to see their loved ones graduate. It's absolutely absurd.

Outside graduations will be extremely hot In the spring.

too cold in the fall and possibly too hot for spring ceremonies

there is no need for a commencement in the heat. Rumors are going around that the entire graduating class of 2020 will happen at once on Patriot Plaza, which is going to take too long. Maybe if we did individual majors at different times i would lean towards supporting it.

I would like to have a parking spot when I come to class

The weather is a major factor. My grandparents don't need to sit out in 90+ weather or in 60- rain.

Poor arrangement and conditions

there's no designated seating and especially in may and if we were to get one in august it would be very hot.

I will be graduating in the spring and there's more chances of it raining or being excessively hot outside as opposed to inside

The parking goes to shit every time something happens

because it's outside

Because, it could very hot. My mom can't walk very far and there isn't adequate handicapped parking. The ground goes downhill and my mom if she had to would have a hard time walking and standing on the area.

I do not believe a college commencement should be outside.

We will be graduating in May, it will be very hot and I'd rather not sweat for my graduation.

The weather.

Too hot, not accessible for the disabled, no seating/shade

Due to weather conditions, life is unpredictable. No reason to put families at risk of heat stroke or potential for accidents due to rain or freezing conditions.

Possible weather conditions, grandparents who won't want to sit outside, depending on how hectic/long the ceremony would be

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It's too hot during the summer time and there isn't enough seating

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It's Texas. It's going to be HOT.

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It is extremely hot and humid in May. I do not want to be sitting outside in my PharmD gown and sweating. I do not want my family do have to deal with that either. They are driving 8 hours to come to this ceremony. I would appreciate if the pharmacy school had their own intimate graduation ceremony. I understand the the president of the school wants to include the community and the undergraduates as part of our ceremony. However, none of those people were there for the 5 years prior to pharmacy school or during my 4 years at the pharmacy school. I would greatly appreciate a separate graduation ceremony for our pharmacy school. I know there are people in my class that want to invite about 15 people to their graduation. How are we suppose to accommodate them with only 5-7 tickets? Please be considerate. This is our moment. This is our graduation. If you want support from us in there future, either financially or academically, you should consider this idea. What a shame it would be to have UT Tyler pharmacists who refuse to work with their own school as preceptors.

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Weather and accessibility

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There is not enough space!

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I will be graduating this coming May, and weather in Tyler can get pretty hot. I will not have my family members standing in the heat and specially if they try to get all the colleges together into one ceremony!

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Because we live in Texas where the weather is absolutely unpredictable.

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There will NOT be enough room for everyone, it WILL get rained out I just know it, to get good seats you will have to claim spots hours in advance and if it's hot that WILL be an issue. Also if it is hot, older relatives of mine will not be able to say outside long, especially with the medications they take. It just cannot be done! If it is done outside that would be a really negative ending to my college experience at UT Tyler, and I would most likely not come to graduate school here after!

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My parents didn't pay this much money for me to graduate on grass. Outside. In the heat.

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I am in the pharmacy program. And I have heard the ceremony in the patriot plaza will be with all graduates. I'm not sure if this will affect how many people we can invite or how long the ceremony will take. But I have preceptors and family that I would really like to be there. Those preceptors invite us into the pharmacy with no pay, and I want to invite them to my graduation since they have made me in to the pharmacist I will be. This is a big accomplishment and I want to invite everyone who has helped me get to this point.

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It'll be too cold outside to graduate in December. It could be rainy. The seating is inadequate. The concrete will be too cold to sit on and seems to be too low for family members with difficulty getting up and down. Cold weather will make it difficult to dress nice for graduation because wearing a dress and heels will no longer be ideal. Graduating on the plaza in May is not ideal either because it will be too hot.

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It's hot

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Should be indoors

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My family would NOT appreciate being on a patio, outdoors with the variability of Texas weather.

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It will be very cold in December when I graduate and there is not enough seating for my family members.

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It is too hot in May to have this celebration outside, especially when dressed up.

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It's outside and just does not seem professional.

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We would love to have our own graduation ceremony

Weather conditions

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limited space. Too informal.

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I'd prefer a inside ceremony

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Because it's outside. Also, it is not a nice venue to host a graduation ceremony.

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Texas weather is too crazy!! A graduation outside in May in a thick navy gown seems brutal. Also worried about seating for all family/friends on a cement bench.

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not enough seating, weather possibilities

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Outdoors events always end up poorly. Not to mention I would hate to have my elderly grandparents and family member's our in the Texas heat when we have air conditioned areas to host such a special event

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We live in Texas... it's way too hot!

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It is too hot. It is the middle of the summer. We live in Texas. Why would you want to be outside in Texas in August. It could also be raining. It is never good to try to schedule events outside.

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If we do it on the Patriot Plaza during August, it will be extremely hot. That is one of the hottest months in the year. Also, my grandparents will not be able to attend due to not being able to handle the weather. It is way too hot to be outside and putting elderly in those situations.

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Weather, elderly family members, space, grass

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Weather concerns. Heat during the summer. Space issues.

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August is hot in Texas.

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Too hot

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I think I needeth not explain the absolute dumpster fire that would become of commencement.

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It's going to be too hot in August to be holding a graduation ceremony outside. Also if it rains the ceremony will be ruined.

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Because the plaza has no seating, and I dont want to be at an extremely long graduation ceremony

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Weather

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Reason1: is the weather; what happens if it rains, and if it's in the summer nobody is going to sit out in the sun with gowns own. Second reason is space; there is not enough room for the graduates and their family. Thirdly having people sit in lawn chairs is tacky and we deserve a formal ceremony in the Cowan center. And lastly we should not have to be forced to have the ceremony outside just because they wasted money on a green space and can't find any uses for it

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The space is very small and it will be really hot in the summer, people will be miserable. Graduating students may pass out from heat since they will be wearing a gown.

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direct heat, no adequate seating

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I would prefer to have the ceremony indoors.

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Vulnerable to weather

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The weather is uncontrollable and could cause many problems if held outside and the plaza is really not large enough for a commencement ceremony

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Due to the fact that we live in Texas, no matter when the graduation is, the weather is likely to be extreme—and therefore uncomfortable. Secondly, I strongly despise the fact that parking was eliminated for the sake of the patriot plaza—therefore anything to do with it, I stand in opposition to it.

depends on weather and if there is enough space

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It's outside, in May, in Texas. Not exactly a nice ceremony.

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It's outside. I don't think there would be enough room for the graduates and parents to be able to view it.

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It is outside and considering how Texas weather can be unpredictable, it would make things worse

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Not a professional location.

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Because a graduation of that size will be long, boring and students won't get full recognition because they will just be trying to get it over with as soon as possible. Plus outside graduation at the end of May is going to be HOT.

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It's outside in the spring and some people like me have bad allergies in the spring.

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Because outside is a bad idea. Weather is unpredictable. Hot, cold

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Weather issues, not big enough, heat, grass

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I am graduating in May and think that it will be too hot for an outdoor ceremony! Also there isn't enough space for everyone to sit and to be able to see. I think its a HORRIBLE idea.

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An outside graduation in the summer of Texas is not logical. It also does not make sense how the small venue would accommodate for a graduation. It seems very tacky.

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It's not that big

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I don't see how that would be a good place to hold a graduation ceremony. I believe their would be limited spacing. Also think an inside graduation would be more comfortable for the graduates and guest.

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I don't want an outside ceremony. It is either too hot or too cold. I don't want to be miserable on one of the most important days of my life.

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It will be super hot, there's not enough seating, and you have to deal with incremental weather. You avoid all of those issues by doing it indoors.

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i prefer indoors

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The weather is unpredictable, there is no shade, no seating.

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Texas weather is unpredictable. It could be freezing cold, rainy, or unbearably hot. I also have bad allergies, so I could end up having an asthma attack during commencement and have to leave.

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The Texas heat will surely melt everyone.

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It is just much nicer to have it in an indoor facility. Especially in respect to all graduating students that dress their nicest and would like to remain as such. Not having to worry about weather conditions at all.

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Visibility for the amount of people, and weather conditions.

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Weather problems and trouble with family seating

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It will be too cold during the fall graduation, and too hot during the spring graduation.

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Not enough space. Bad weather. Too long

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Will be hot outside during May

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Extreme heat during the summer months not only is a discomfort to the graduates and audience but a health hazard to any elderly attendees prone to fainting or heat stroke.

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Weather

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It is going to be too hot. That is just ridiculous.

There's not enough room for everyone to sit if they bring guests

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The ceremony would be held in August and it would be sweltering in a cap and gown.

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The weather, humidity, not enough space

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Outside ceremonies aren't as memorable

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I graduated outside before and it is very uncomfortable for myself and my family who cannot withstand this Texas heat. Also, it is very hot under those gowns. Graduates may leave mid ceremony after they cross the stage.

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Because being outside is there are too many factors of weather. It could start raining, or, it will be hot and people will sweat, making it uncomfortable. Also, there is not an sufficient amount of space for people to be comfortable, while also having the ceremony be pleasing to an higher standard while being outside.

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It will be so hot and humid!!!! It will be especially difficult for people to attend who are sensitive to heat. All the graduates will just want to leave because we will all be so sweaty.

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Weather, unprofessional, not a elegant sitting

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Weather conditions

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It will be hot in May. And there is zero seating.

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Weather and lack of seating

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It does not support if there is bad weather, there is not enough room for all family members to attend

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Weather is never constant

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This would put the entire crowd and ceremony at the mercy of that days weather. It would be really bad to have commencement affected by Texas heat, or a sudden rain storm.

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The weather will be too hot to be tolerable of sitting outside for an extended period of time. Also the seating will be poor at best and the "extra" number of people that could attend would have to sit so far away that they would have to watch it on a TV screen while also still being outside. That's ridiculous.

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It is too hot in May and it is too cold in December. Also bugs, heels in grass, and older family members.

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Ive been to an outdoor graduation. Sucked ass, almost got heat stoke.

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I do not want graduation to be outside, there isn't enough room for everyone's family and I think that there would be difficult viewing the graduates.

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I do not want to have the ceremony outside, there is not enough room for everyone's families, there would not be a good view of the graduates for the families

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Not being comfortable for my family to seat outside on cement especially my grandmother

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I don't know what it is but would like a ceremony for pharmacy only

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East Texas weather is absolutely miserable, and I'd hate for the ceremony to be at the hands of the weather. May temperatures in ETX can be awful, and I've personally had a heat stroke at an outdoor event during May. Also, who wants to wear sunscreen to a graduation commencement?

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It's hot.

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Outdoor ceremonies open the university up to rain event problems, and spring and summer graduations will be hot

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Weather, accessibility, and definitely don't agree with one huge ceremony

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weather

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it'll be outside, which will either be very hot or very cold. i don't want to put my family through that

Cannot predict the weather. The ground may be muddy and guests with high heels will struggle. It is not pleasant weather.

The space would not have enough seating, and would be uncomfortable for guests. Where would the stage be

It will either be very hot/ very cold and the ceremony would take several hours with everyone graduating at once

What if the grass is wet, what if it rains, my handicap grandma can't walk through the grass or steps, how would we all sit

It's too hot in Texas to have a graduation in the summertime outside. It can potentially be a health risk to some people.

Because, I'm graduating in the spring. It's going to be hot outside so having an outside ceremony sounds horrible.

This is Texas, it is hot, and it will be very crowded.

Weather. Especially Texas heat

Do not feel an outdoor commencement is appropriate for a doctorate degree.

It is hot in Texas. people might faint

The Texas heat

Inclement weather or extreme temperatures

My graduation will be in the spring and the weather will be hot. I want my guests and myself to feel comfortable at my graduation as this is a huge accomplishment to celebrate.

Q:Who wants to go outside? A: not me.

heat index

(inappropriate comment removed) Nobody want to graduate outside. Stop being (inappropriate comment removed) cheap. Get more parking. Also all graduate program should get their OWN ceremony.

It does not seem big enough, nor have enough difference in height for many people to be able to see a graduate accepting their diploma.

I have elderly family that will come to my graduation and it will not be possible for them to come if we do not have shelter from the weather.

I prefer inside

Commencement should not be host outside, it can rain, be too hot, ect

Don't think the ticket policy will be followed since it'll be outside.

Because it will either be very hot or every cold during the time of graduation. Would not be an ideal place for older people to safely walk and comfortably sit, not enough seating. Does not seem ideal or pleasing to sit out there while waiting to walk

I do not agree on having a graduation for the entire University at the same time

Some family members cannot tolerate being in heat or cold for too long.

Lack of seating, weather elements are sure to disrupt this.

NO SEATING

The weather can be unpredictable.

its a waste of space

Because in the summer it is hot and muggy, in the winter it is cold and rainy, and in the spring it always tends to rain. The ground will be muddy. Please do not do this!

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It would be too hot

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1. There's clearly not enough room for everyone 2. where are families and guests going to set because once again there's not enough room 3. I don't know if y'all forgot but we live in Texas, it's HOT. Are we really all going to stand in our caps and gowns in the heat and sweat through them?? 4. What happens if it rains? I really don't want to graduate under a tent. 5. Why can't we just have it in the clean center like everyone else? It's nice and it works, why change that? 6. No one even wanted the plaza so why would anyone want to graduate on it

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We live in Texas..... Temperature

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I don't think there will be enough room. Also, it will probably be really hot and everyone would be uncomfortable!

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some issues would be weather, being able to see, wheelchair Assessable

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Because there is a perfectly fine auditorium with air conditioning and heating.

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Summer heat

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No one wants to sit outside during a graduation

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It's going to be super hot in the summe

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My grandpa is 92 years old, and I don't feel he would be able to walk all the way there and sit in the heat or cold to watch my graduation. I also feel like the weather is spotty in May and seems like we would be inviting all these people and some would not be able to attend if the weather was not on our side. I also don't understand how we will all fit there, how all of our parents and family members will fit there, and how they will be able to see or hear what is going on. While I understand that tickets are required at the door if it's held inside, I would rather have a smaller graduating class and allow my family and friends to be comfortable at my graduation rather than sitting outside for hours on end.

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The Cowen Center is beautiful and outdoor ceremonies can be affected by weather.

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You will never have enough room to hold all the graduates and their family on one lawn. You also cannot control the weather, and what were to happen if the speakers were to go out during graduation, there is just a huge list of all the things that could happen and that could go wrong. Also there is the chance that your family even though present might not get to see you graduate and that would suck.

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For one it is outside, it was also a waste of money and would serve much better as a parking lot.

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Because graduation ceremonies are held during May and December. This means it will either be very hot or very cold. Not conducive to a graduation ceremony. It needs to be held indoors.

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The Cowan center is nice and professional while having it all the plaza feels like a high school graduation. Plus it's Texas and I would rather not be sweating and suffocating during my day that I've worked so hard for

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If everyone is going to graduate in one large ceremony, not only will it take several hours, as the graduations in the spring took 3 hours each, but there will be issues with having family members who are elderly or in poor health sit in the sun for several hours, not to mention the graduates in dress clothes and the gowns. There are too many issues with having it outside and especially all at once.

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because it would be outside exposed to the elements and it would be hard for women to walk on grass with high heels

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There will not be enough seats for family members at graduation. If the weather is bad and we have to move inside, there will be an overcrowding problem and not enough seats. And I do not think it is fair for every major to have to sit through every major's graduation, while making the families do that as well outside.

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To small

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I would like to have the commencement ceremony hosted in the Cowan Center like the rest.

Not enough room, too hot

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I like the Cowan Center, because it is much nicer

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Prefer to be seated inside

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Potential for poor Weather

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Not enough room

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I dont like to sweat in nice clothes (assuming that I would be well dressed for such an occassion)

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Weather concerns

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rather not be outside in may. i do not want to be sweaty during graduation

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Weather considerations. Uncomfortability.

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I would prefer to have an indoor ceremony, especially so during the summer.

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Because Spring graduation will take place in May and I don't believe everyone will want to stand in the Texas heat for that long. Likely everyone will be in formal attire and that won't be ideal especially for all the fathers who will be in full suits.

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It's not as professional and I'm worried about it being too hot for my older family and I

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Summer graduation will be too hot outside especially for elder family members attending.

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It's gonna be wicked hot out

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TEXAS HEAT IN MAY, NO. Dec. Commencement outdoors would be fine.

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It's not big enough or temperature friendly

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As of now, they are talking about having a mass ceremony with all of the graduating students at the same time and not with it splits into departments like it has been in the past. My graduation will be in May in the Texas summer heat. There are individuals that would not be able to take that heat for as long as it would take to complete the ceremony. My last grandparent would not be able to make it. My kids would not be able to sit through that. The plaza was built with no shading which is pretty ridiculous. If it was inside, it would be different.

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It will be in May, and probably extremely hot.

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It's hot.

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Too hot, not enough space

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Weather will be to hot. Visibility of the stage would be poor for the audience. Difficult for people in wheel chairs to get around.

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The space is to small for families. Also i had an outside graduation in tge summer and it was AWFUL!!

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Weather

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Weather, length of ceremony, lack of seating for guests

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Too small and outdoors in the heat

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It is too small of an area and the weather could play a huge factor.

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The weather, seating outside for hours sweating ?? What if it rains ? what if it's cold? No thank you



Weather conditions

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It will be too hot for it to be outside and

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Old people complain

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Ceremony outside will be too hot, and weather may not cooperate which would lead to having to move it indoors anyways

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1. There isn't enough space to have orderly seating. 2. In the summer heat in Texas many peoples relatives can not withstand it and quite frankly the students shouldn't have to either. We deserve a proper indoor graduation that we have worked hard for.

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Weather conditions and seating

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Its going to be insufferably hot and crowded.

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If it's outside I dont want to do that

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Texas weather and heat plus personal and family memeber medical issues dont work well with outside emotions

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Weather, space

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Weather concerns

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Not inside

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This is TEXAS, it will be way too hot or probably cold and raining.

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Not enough space, and will be way to hot in the spring and summer.

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It's not easily handicap accessible, it's hot or cold and graduation would be at the hands of Mother Nature, ticketing would be hard to enforce

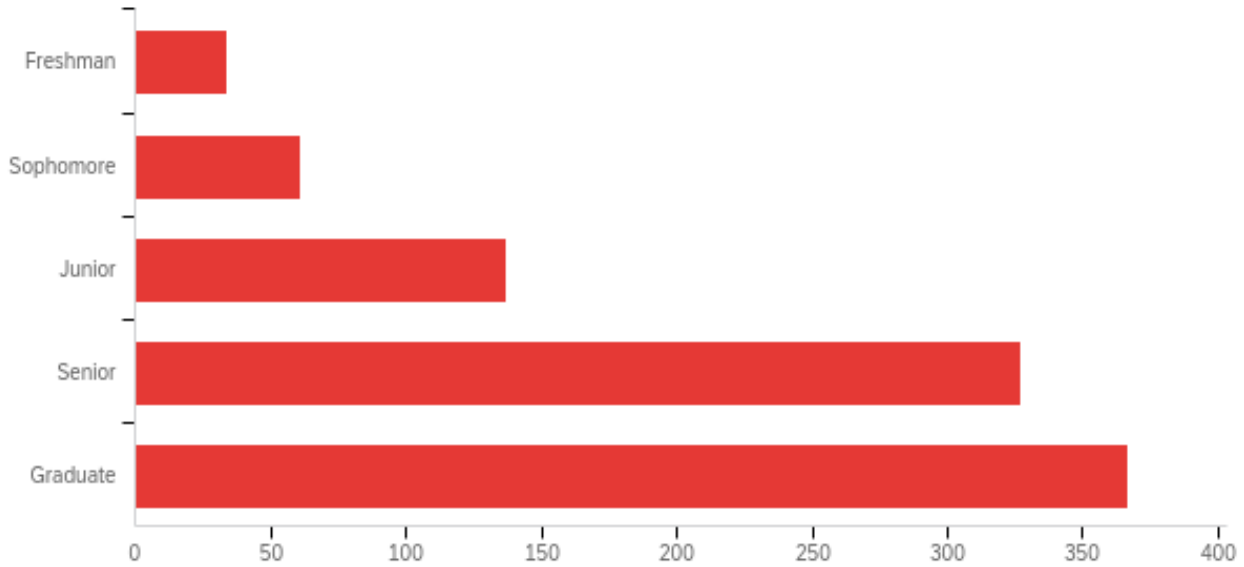
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Weather

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Spacing is an issue

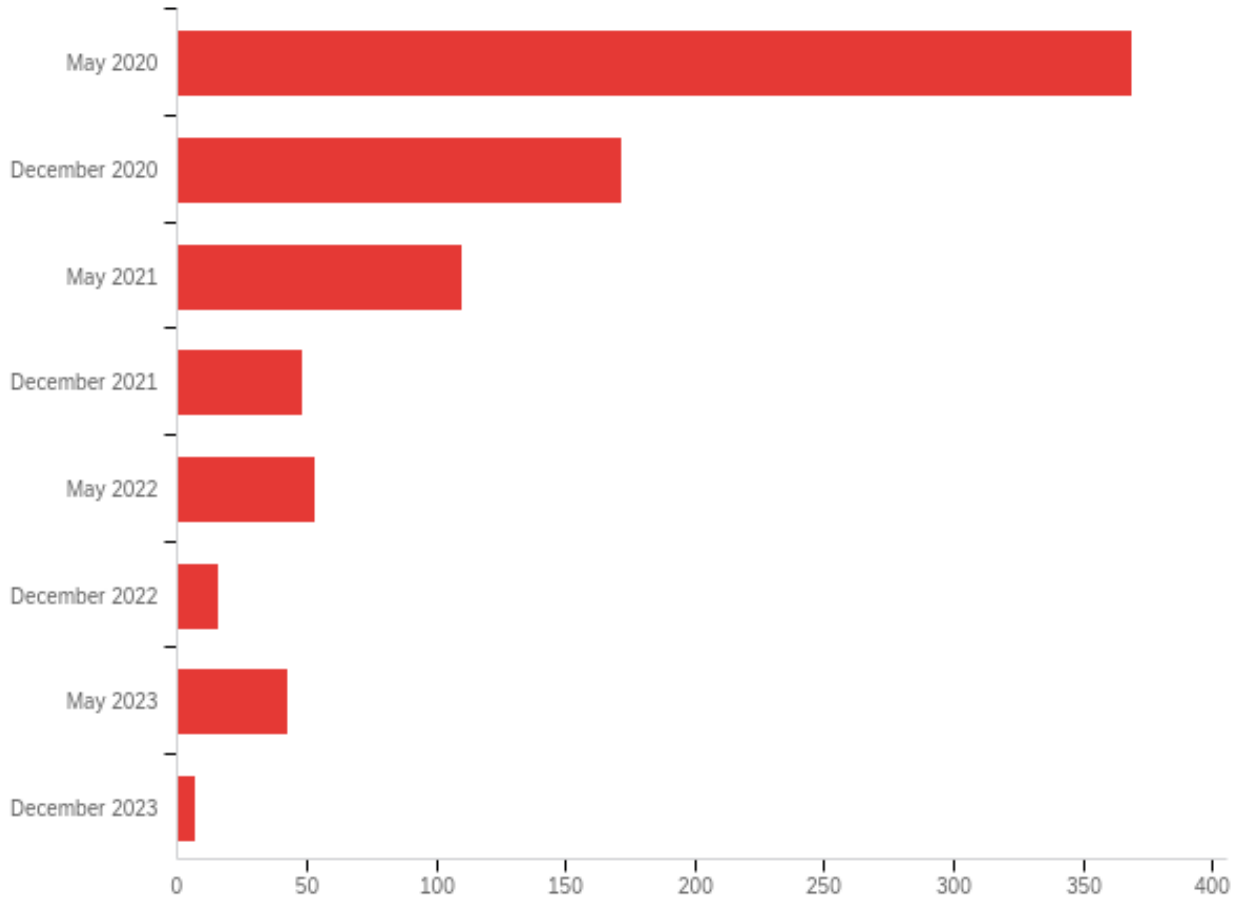
## What will your classification be in Spring 2020?



#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	What will your classification be in Spring 2020?	1.00	5.00	4.01	1.07	1.14	926

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Freshman	3.67%	34
2	Sophomore	6.59%	61
3	Junior	14.79%	137
4	Senior	35.31%	327
5	Graduate	39.63%	367
	Total	100%	926

## What is your expected graduation date?

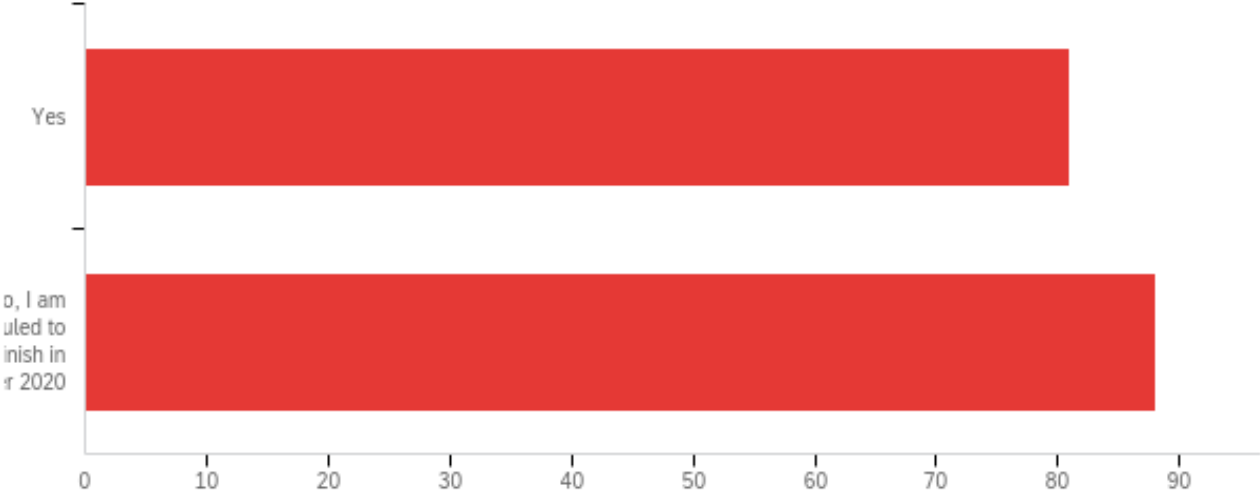


#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	What is your expected graduation date?	1.00	8.00	2.39	1.79	3.19	818

#	Answer	%	Count
1	May 2020	45.11%	369
2	December 2020	21.03%	172
3	May 2021	13.45%	110
4	December 2021	5.87%	48
5	May 2022	6.48%	53
6	December 2022	1.96%	16
7	May 2023	5.26%	43
8	December 2023	0.86%	7
	Total	100%	818

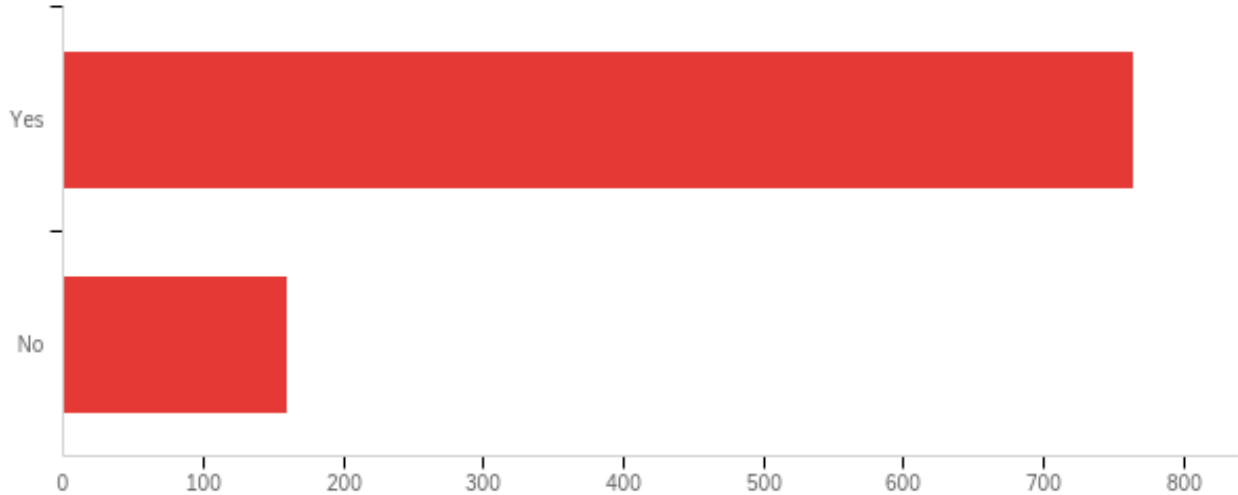
**You selected December 2020, was it because your classes ended in July, but there was not a summer dated commencement?**



#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	You selected December 2020, was it because your classes ended in July, but there was not a summer dated commencement?	1.00	2.00	1.52	0.50	0.25	169

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Yes	47.93%	81
2	No, I am scheduled to finish in December 2020	52.07%	88
	Total	100%	169

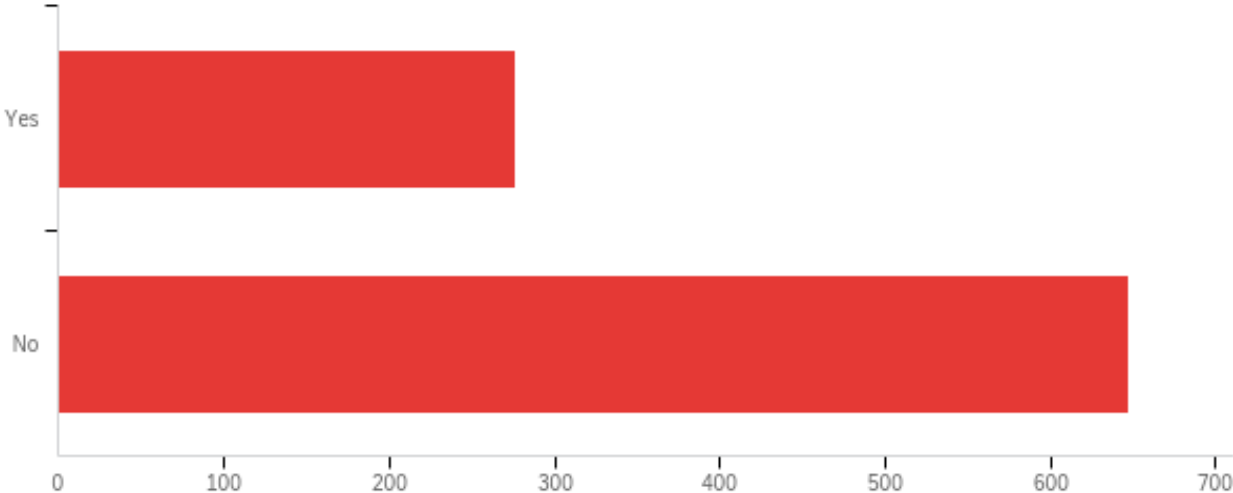
# Are you in favor of the University adding a summer commencement?



#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Are you in favor of the University adding a summer commencement?	1.00	2.00	1.17	0.38	0.14	924

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Yes	82.68%	764
2	No	17.32%	160
	Total	100%	924

**Would you be in favor of a graduation fee increase in order to host a summer commencement ceremony?**



#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Would you be in favor of a graduation fee increase in order to host a summer commencement ceremony?	1.00	2.00	1.70	0.46	0.21	924

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Yes	29.98%	277
2	No	70.02%	647
	Total	100%	924