

# GRADUATION DAY

## Saturday, June 13, 2009

<http://www.atsu.edu/asdoh/graduation/index.htm>

Mesa Arts Center, Ikeda Theatre  
1 E. Main St.  
Mesa, AZ 85211

<http://www.mesaartscenter.com/>

### Driving Directions



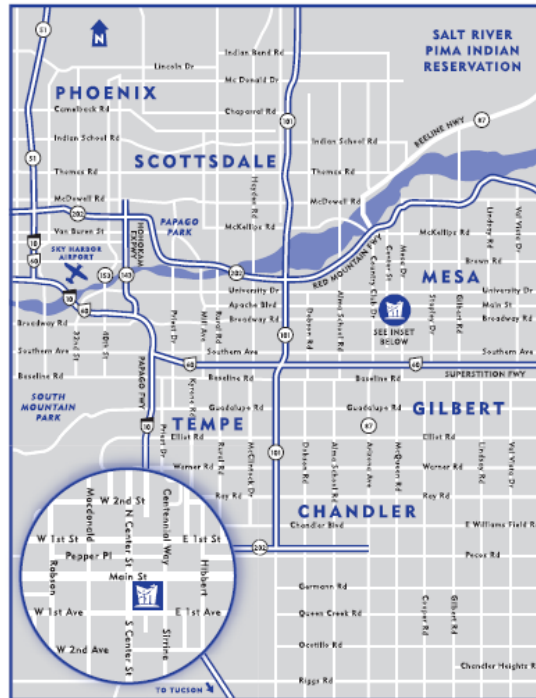
Mesa Arts Center  
1 E. Main Street  
Mesa, AZ 85201

**FROM THE NORTH**  
1-17 South to 1-10 East, 1-10 East to the 202 Loop East, 202 Loop East, exit Country Club, Country Club South to Main Street, turn left onto Main. Mesa Arts Center is located at 1 E. Main Street on the Southeast corner of Center and Main.

**FROM CENTRAL PHOENIX**  
1-10 East to the 202 Loop East, 202 East, exit Country Club, Country Club South to Main Street, turn left onto Main. Mesa Arts Center is located at 1 E. Main Street on the Southeast corner of Center and Main.

**FROM THE EAST**  
US 60 West toward Mesa (Superstition Freeway), exit Country Club, Country Club North to Main Street, turn right onto Main. Mesa Arts Center is located at 1 E. Main Street on the Southeast corner of Center and Main.

**FROM THE NORTHEAST**  
101 Loop South to the 202 Loop East, 202 Loop East, exit Country Club, Country Club South to Main Street, turn left onto Main. Mesa Arts Center is located at 1 E. Main Street on the Southeast corner of Center and Main.



**FROM TUCSON**  
1-10 West to US 60 East toward Mesa, Tempe, Apache Junction (Superstition Freeway), exit Country Club, Country Club North to Main Street, turn right onto Main. Mesa Arts Center is located at 1 E. Main Street on the Southeast corner of Center and Main.

**FROM PAYSON**  
Highway 87 South (will become Country Club Drive in Mesa), continue on Country Club South to Main Street, turn left onto Main. Mesa Arts Center is located at 1 E. Main Street on the Southeast corner of Center and Main.

**IMPORTANT! Petition to Graduate:**

Did you complete the online Petition to Graduate? Every graduate **MUST** submit the petition to be eligible to graduate. To ensure that your name appears in the graduation program, you must submit the petition by May 15, 2009.

[https://www.atsu.edu/registrar/graduation/petition\\_to\\_graduate.asp](https://www.atsu.edu/registrar/graduation/petition_to_graduate.asp)

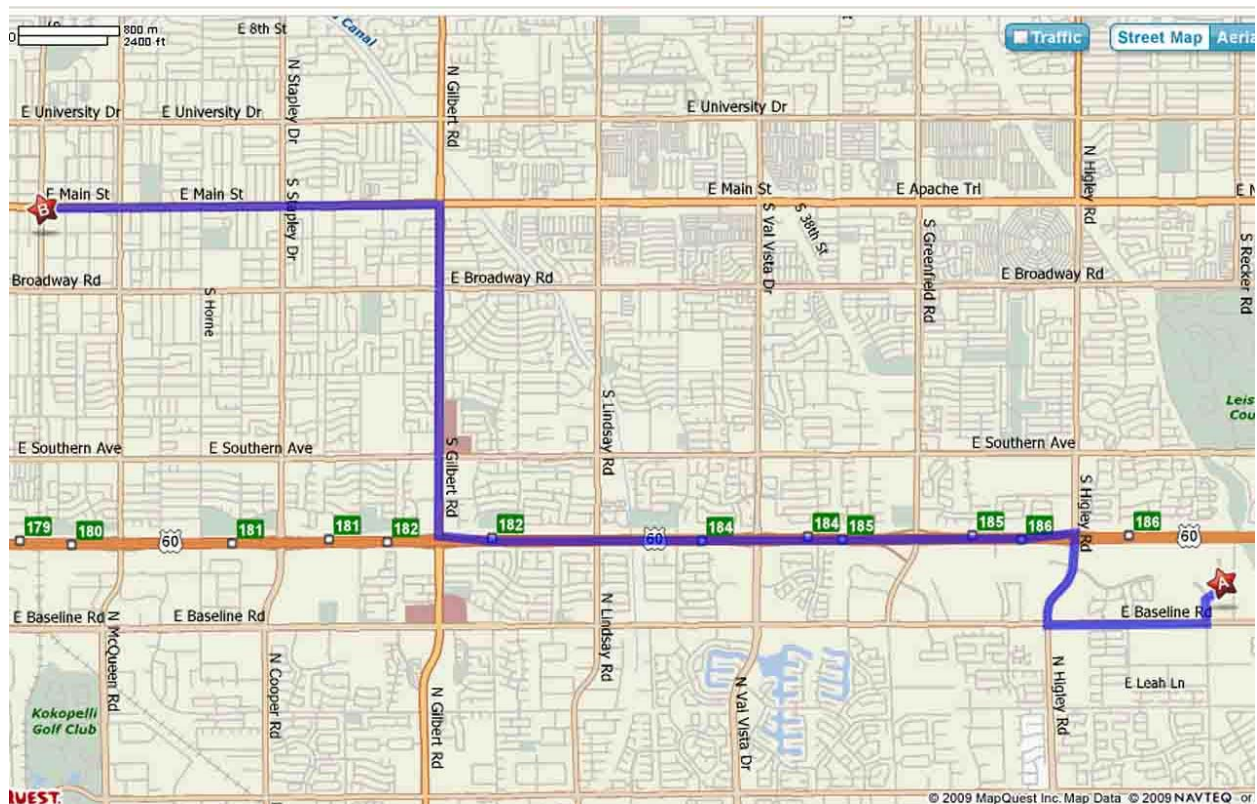
Requests for deferral must be submitted:

<https://www.atsu.edu/registrar/graduation/Presidential%20Deferment%20Request%20Form.pdf>

**Distance from Campus:**

Total Estimated Time: 16 minutes

Total Estimated Distance: 10.36 miles



Construction: <http://www.azcentral.com/news/traffic/>

If you are visiting the campus, Baseline Road between Higley Road and Power Road is under construction and traffic is slow.

### Parking at Mesa Arts center:

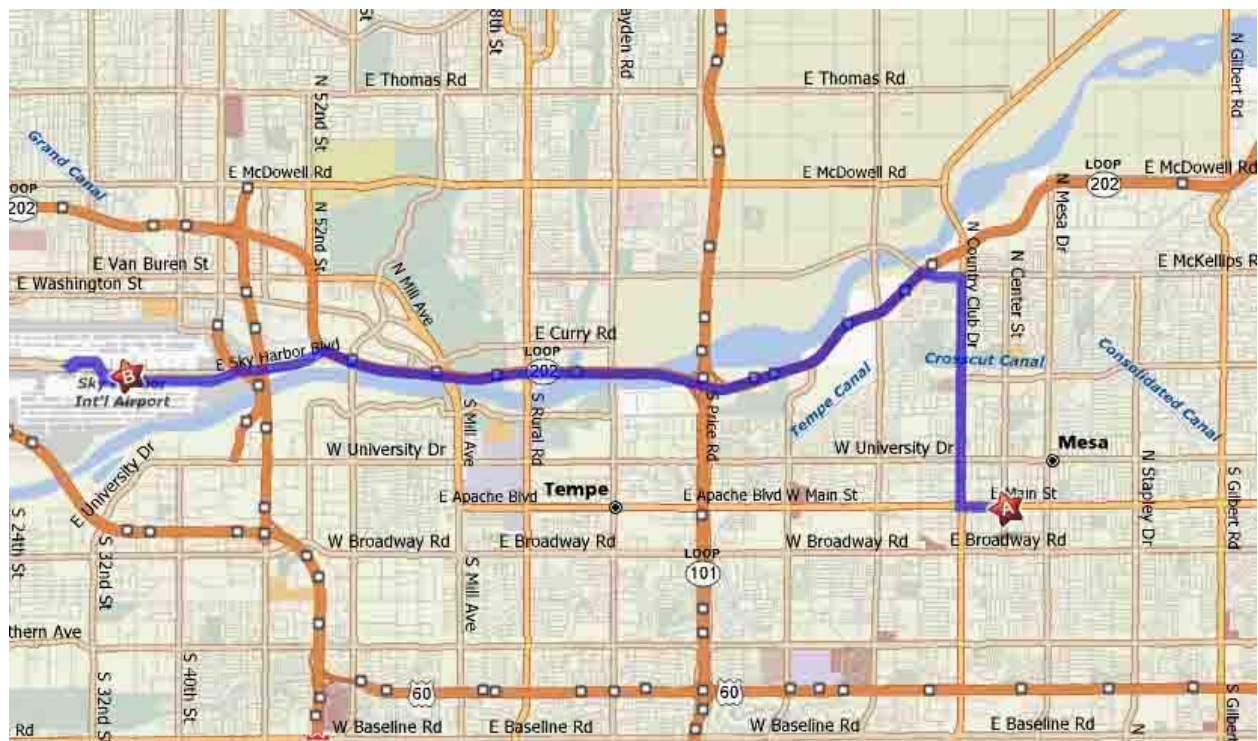
Pay parking for the Mesa Arts Center is located on 1st Ave. between Center Street and Serrine St.

Additional, free parking is available in the parking garage on the S-W corner of **Centennial Way and 1st Street.**

### Returning to Sky Harbor Airport:

Total Estimated Time: 22 minutes

Total Estimated Distance: 14.69 miles



### Regalia:

Did you order your regalia? <http://www.atsu.edu/asdoh/graduation/index.htm#Cap>

Student Services has a very limited number of caps/gowns reserved for travelling graduates who lose their luggage. Please order your regalia as soon as possible AND check your regalia when it arrives to ensure that you received the correct gown and that the tassel is the correct color (gold for doctorate).

## **Schedule for Graduation Day**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Graduate Schedule</b>
10:00 a.m.	Graduates Check-in and line up on 2nd floor, doors open to Ikeda Theatre
10:15 a.m.	Stage Party line up for Processional on 2nd floor balcony
10:30 a.m.	Ceremony begins
12:15 p.m.	Conclusion of Ceremony – Congratulations!

### **Please remember to bring:**

1. Your cap and gown. Everything showing below the hem of your regalia gown should be dark (i.e. pants, long skirt/dress line, and shoes). Nothing can be worn on the outside of the regalia (i.e. flowers, honors cords, etc.) Please ask family and friends to hand you flowers or other gifts AFTER the ceremony.
2. Graduates MUST print a Reader Card and bring it to graduation.
  - \*PRINT LEGIBLY!!!! The Readers must be able to read this.
  - \*You will hand this card to the Reader on stage during the hooding ceremony.
  - \*Remember – You must submit the Guest Hooder Request Form before May 15th;  
**[http://www.atsu.edu/asdoh/graduation/pdfs/GuestHooders\\_Policy\\_approved.pdf](http://www.atsu.edu/asdoh/graduation/pdfs/GuestHooders_Policy_approved.pdf)**
3. Your guest tickets. Graduates do NOT need a ticket for themselves; only for guests. Tickets can be picked up beginning May 7<sup>th</sup> at the Office of Student Services.
4. Give yourself and guests enough time to travel to the Mesa Arts Center, park and locate the Ikeda Theatre.

### **Hoods:**

Each graduate will receive their hood on-stage as part of the graduation ceremony. The Alumni Association funds each graduate's hood as a gift to welcome them into the ATSU alumni family.

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The reader card can be printed from:

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### **Order of Ceremony:**

1. Processional (stage party marches in first followed by the graduates)
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Graduation Speaker
4. Conferring of Degrees (see last page)
5. Alumni Induction

6. Closing Comments by the President or Provost
7. Recessional of Stage party and Graduates (meet your family/friends in the lobby or outside)
8. Congratulations!

**Seating:**

The graduates will be seated in front of the stage; occupying the first few seats/rows. Guests are welcome to sit in any seat/row not reserved for the graduates.

**Photography/Videography:**

Except for the official University photographers and news media, no one will be allowed access to the stage or graduate seating area to take pictures during the ceremony. Guests are welcome to use the stage after the ceremony as a backdrop for photographs.

**Graduation Gifts/Apparel:**

Graduation gifts and apparel can be purchased online at <http://www.cafepress.com/ATSUAzSGA>. The University does not have a bookstore on the Arizona campus.

**Post-Graduation:**

There are many restaurants located within the “original square mile” of downtown Mesa, minutes away from the Mesa Arts Center.

[http://www.mesaartscenter.com/documents/Dining\\_8\\_08.pdf](http://www.mesaartscenter.com/documents/Dining_8_08.pdf)

Reservations are strongly encouraged.

**Conferring of Degrees:**

1. A staff member will guide you up on stage by program.
2. When instructed, the staff member will cue you to walk to the Reader's podium.
3. Hand the reader your Reader Card and wait for him/her to say your name
4. As he/she reads your name, walk toward the President and the Provost
5. Shake hands with the President and the Provost and continue across the stage to the Hooding Platform
6. At the Hooding Platform, turn and face the audience (see picture below)
7. Bend your knees slightly to help the Hooder get the hood over your head
8. After you have been hooded, turn around and shake the hooder's hand
9. Proceed to the end of the stage where a staff member will direct you back to your seat

