Graduation takes place before finals. Do I have to come back to take my tests? Absolutely! Participating in the ceremony does not exempt you from taking final exams and does not confirm program completion.

I only need to complete one class to graduate. Can I participate in the Spring 2016 commencement ceremony? No. Students who are lacking one or more credit hours or courses, even if they expect to enroll and complete all requirements during the Summer 2016 term (or intersession between Spring and Summer), will not be eligible to participate in the Spring 2016 commencement ceremony. There will be no exceptions.

If I participate in the commencement ceremony and do not pass my classes or successfully complete my degree requirements, will I receive a diploma from City Colleges of Chicago? No. You will not receive a diploma from City Colleges of Chicago until you have satisfied all of your program requirements. Your participation in the ceremony does not indicate program completion.

If I have an administrative/financial hold on my account, can I participate in the ceremony? Yes. You may participate in the commencement ceremony, but you will NOT receive your diploma or transcripts until all holds on your account have been lifted. If you have questions regarding holds on your account, please contact your advisor.

How do I get tickets for the ceremony? All commencement tickets will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis during the mandatory commencement orientation, starting the week of GradFest, Monday, April 18th. Please check with your Registrar's Office for specific days, times and location. Please note: You will be required to present a photo ID in order to receive your commencement tickets and graduation packet. Your graduation packet will include your graduation announcements and tickets, graduation packet. Your graduation package will be available to answer your questions on the day of commencement. See below for general information about what to expect:

- **Arrival:** All graduates should arrive 45 minutes before the ceremony begins.
- **Attire:** Bring your gown, cap, tassel, stole and honor cords (if applicable). It is strongly recommended that students wear flats or shoes with a low heel due to the amount of time standing in the garage and the decline of the ramp entering the Pavilion. Your gown should be ironed and clean. Students are strongly discouraged from wearing: Jeans, t-shirts, shorts, gym shoes, sunglasses or casual/non-professional attire during the commencement ceremony. Graduates may not bring a coat, purse, bag, backpack or other personal items to the arena. If you have any questions about your attire, please contact your advisor.
- **Cap:** Your tassel should be placed to the right side of your cap until your degree is conferred. At a designated point in the ceremony you will be directed to move the tassel to the left, thus indicating you have graduated.
- **Check in:** A table for your College will be set up in the parking structure. Proceed to your college area indicated by the corresponding color and signage.

Can I leave the ceremony after my name is called and I receive my diploma? No. At the end of the ceremony, the Chancellor will officially confer your diploma and you must be present. Also, leaving your seat will cause a major disruption to the ceremony. Out of respect for your fellow graduates, please remain seated until the ceremony is concluded and you walk in the recessional with your classmates.

Will I receive my diploma at the commencement ceremony? No. Empty diploma covers will be presented during the ceremony. However, your diploma cover will include a letter from the alumni association with special information. In eight to ten weeks, you will receive a letter from the Registrar's office regarding your Diploma.

Can my family and friends watch from home? Yes. The commencement ceremony will be streamed live at www.ccc.edu on Saturday, April 30th.

Friendly Reminder: Please refrain from bringing horns, mechanical noise makers, laser pointers, strollers/car seats or helium balloons to the commencement ceremony. These items will be confiscated upon entry by the Pavilion security. Also, please do not deface your cap or gown with printed signs or messages.