

April 3, 2018

TO: Graduating Seniors

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**DEPARTMENT of EAST ASIAN LANGUAGES and CULTURES
COMMENCEMENT**

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

10:00am, Alumni House, U.C. Berkeley Campus

Please note: If you expect to receive a Spring 2018 degree, you must be on the degree list. If you are not already on the degree list, go immediately to L&S, 206 Evans and fill out a petition. See me for a major approval memo.

You are invited to participate in the Department's Commencement ceremony if you have or will receive a degree in any of the following semesters:

Fall 2017

Spring 2018

Summer 2018

Fall 2018

There is only one ceremony each year at the end of the Spring semester; we do not hold a separate commencement ceremony for Fall semester graduates. There will be approximately 20 undergraduates receiving B.A. degrees this year and 5-6 Ph.D. degrees will be issued. Please note that you are only eligible to participate in Commencement once!

INVITATIONS

Please complete the attached form and return it to me by **Friday, April 20th**. All participants in commencement must confirm their intent to participate in the ceremony by filling out and returning the attached form to 3413 Dwinelle Hall. This year the department will provide two free invitations per participant. Additional invitations can be purchased for \$5 each. Participants in this year's commencement in need of extra invitations should indicate the number of additional invitations desired. The department will inform students by **Friday, April 27th** if requests for additional invitations can be accommodated, and the maximum number of additional invitations that will be granted. You may pick up your invitations in the Department office (3413 Dwinelle Hall) **BEGINNING Monday, April 30th**. Please make sure you sign the log sheet indicating you have picked up your invitations. Only those guests with invitations will be admitted to Commencement.

CAPS and GOWNS

You will need to wear a cap, gown, and tassel for the ceremony. These can be purchased from the Cal Student Store. We do not use honor cords; students completing an honors thesis will be mentioned at the ceremony and noted in the program.

SCHEDULE

Please note that all graduates need to assemble at 9:30 a.m. sharp on May 15, 2018 on the patio of the Alumni House for a short rehearsal. Please do not be late! Please ask your guests to turn off all cell phones during the ceremony.