

# College of Graduate Studies

## Master's & Specialist Commencement Agenda



### Commencement Attire

Please confirm you receive the correct regalia/hood packet and contact the university bookstore if anything is incorrect or missing. Bookstore Contact Info:  
[bkstenntech@bncollege.com](mailto:bkstenntech@bncollege.com) or (931) 372-3435.

- **Graduate Regalia** - Caps with tassels, gowns and hoods may be picked up during Senior Salute or at the University Bookstore at no cost. You may also place an order with the vendor if preferred (order link and QR code provided). A shipping charge will be incurred. Please refer to the link or QR code for the deadline to place orders.
- **Graduate Hooding** - Hood colors by degree type and instructions on how to wear your hood can be found at the "Grad Studies Commencement Info" link or QR Code.
- **Academic honors** (e.g. summa cum laude) are not recognized for graduate-level students at commencement or on the diploma. Associated regalia such as honors cords and medallions also do not apply.



[Regalia Online  
Order Form](#)

### Commencement Ceremony

- There is no rehearsal for the ceremony.
- There are no tickets or limits on number of guests.
- Check the provided schedule and attend at your appropriate ceremony. Check Degree Works if you need to verify the college for your degree.
- Please arrive at least **1 hour** before your ceremony.
- Go to the east gym in the **Academic Wellness Center** (adjacent to the Hooper Eblen Center) to get your name card. You **MUST** have your name card in order for your name to be announced during the ceremony! Representatives from Graduate Studies will also be available to assist with hoods.
- Graduates may not decorate or wear/display statements on their gowns/hoods. You may decorate the top of your mortar board cap per the Regalia Guidelines posted on the TTU commencement website (see QR code or link provided).
- You will then proceed to the **Hooper Eblen Center** to be seated in the **College of Graduate Studies** section on the floor of the auditorium. Within the seating section, reserved seating for doctoral graduates and advisors will be in the first row(s). Ed.S. graduates (as applicable) should be seated in the labeled seats beside or after the doctoral reserved seating and then master's graduates should follow to complete the remaining rows. See the Graduate Studies usher if you need assistance. You **must be seated** in the Hoop at least **20 minutes** before start of ceremony. Late arrivals after the ceremony has started may not be permitted on the floor to be seated so allow ample time for arrival, to find parking, pick up your name card and to receive help with your hood before proceeding to the Hoop floor.
- All graduates will be directed by an usher when to rise, exit their row, and get in line to proceed across the platform.
- You will hand your name card to the assistant at the top of the ramp.
- You will be directed when to proceed across the stage and shake hands with President Oldham as your name is read. You will continue across the platform to receive a diploma cover (diplomas/certificates are mailed to your [mailing](#) address in Eagle at a later date pending verified degree completion and all university debts are cleared).
- Be sure to pause and smile for photos where indicated.
- Once you exit the platform you will be directed back to your seat where you will wait to exit with the recessional. You may **not** leave after you exit the platform.



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