

College of Graduate Studies

Doctoral Commencement Agenda



Commencement Attire

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

- **Graduate Regalia** - Caps with tassels and gowns 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. You should receive the doctoral packet with three black stripes on each of the gown sleeves and a metallic gold tassel. You will receive a traditional mortar board cap and not a doctoral tam. You may order/purchase a doctoral tam at your own expense. Please be sure to get your cap and gown before commencement day!
- **Doctoral Hood** - You will receive your hood on commencement day for the doctoral hooding ceremony.
- **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.
- Please arrive at least **1 hour** before your ceremony. Be sure to allow ample time for arrival, parking, and to make your way to the tunnel at the back of the floor area of the Hoop.
- Report to the **tunnel** in the **Hooper Eblen Center** to receive your name card from the Graduate Studies representative. You **MUST** have your name card in order for your name to be announced during the ceremony! The name card will also have your number for arrangement in the doctoral candidates' group located at the end of the processional line during the opening commencement ceremonies.
- **At least 30 minutes** prior to ceremony, you should meet your advisor in the back of the tunnel and prepare to situate yourselves in the doctoral line according to your provided line and seating number.
- Your doctoral hood will be provided to your advisor in the tunnel for the hooding ceremony.
- At the start of the ceremony, you will enter the arena and follow the processional down the aisle to the front row or rows of reserved floor seating on the left. Depending on number of graduates and advisors, the first row may fill up and the next in line and those following will then need to file into the next row. **Your seat will be labeled with your name (do not skip seats or remove your seat label card)**. Remain standing until the audience is asked to sit.
- PhD graduates and advisors will be directed by an usher when to rise, exit their row, and get in line to approach the ramp on the left 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 onto the stage to be hooded. Shake President Oldham's hand and then turn to face the audience to be hooded by your advisor and Dean.
- If you prefer, you may remove your cap and either hold it or hand it to the Dean of Grad Studies as you are hooded. If you are tall, you may need to squat down slightly for the hooding.
- After your hood is over your head, you may replace your cap. Make sure the tassel is to the left and not in your face. *Smile for your photo to be taken.* **ENJOY YOUR MOMENT!**
- Shake hands with those around you and proceed across the platform to receive your 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).
- Once you exit the platform and have your final photo taken, you will be directed back to your seat where you will wait to exit with the recessional. You may **not** leave after exiting the platform.



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