Graduate Candidates: What to Expect

The Graduate Student/Faculty Recognition (Hooding) Ceremony will be held Friday, May 12, 2017 at 4PM in the Alfond Arena.

You are expected to report to the Field House by 3:15PM on May 12th. All graduates must obtain regalia in order to participate. Pre-registration for Commencement does not automatically register you for the Recognition Ceremony. Please be sure to register for both if you plan on attending both ceremonies.

There is no rehearsal for either ceremonies, so please be sure to follow instructions for line-up, marching, hooding, etc on the day of the ceremony.

Master’s & Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS) Students:

- Caps, gowns, and hoods are available for purchase at the UM Bookstore on campus.
- The cost of regalia for a Master’s/CAS student is $60.98 (tax included)
- Regalia can be obtained up until the last day of Finals Week (please do not wait until then to obtain your regalia!)
- Bring or wear the cap and gown (regalia) to the Field House
- Bring the hood for your discipline with you to the Field House
- Drape the hood over your left arm
- The tassels on your cap are to the left

Doctoral Students:

- Regalia is available for purchase at the UM Bookstore on campus.
- The cost to rent regalia is $205.46 (tax included)
- Doctoral students complete the Doctoral Regalia Form and return to Betty Campbell (bettyc@maine.edu) in the Bookstore.
- The University will be unable to respond to orders placed after the deadline of April 7th
- Bring or wear the tam (cap) and gown (regalia) to the Field House
- DO NOT bring the hood with you to the Field House for the Recognition Ceremony as you will be hooded at Commencement on Saturday!!
FIELD HOUSE

1. Please leave personal belongings in your vehicle or with your guests – the University is not responsible for lost or stolen items
2. Check in with the Graduate School Staff to obtain your white reader card
3. Line up with your college (Note: Intermedia MFA students need to be at the beginning of the Interdisciplinary Degrees line)

We begin marching to the Alfond Arena at 3:50PM. Graduates will be led through the Zamboni entrance, and will have two faculty Grand Marshalls lead them to their seats. Ushers will be available to assist in seating. If the ceremony has already begun, please find an usher to escort you to the floor. Once the ceremony begins, ushers will indicate when to go on stage.

ALFOND ARENA

1. Ushers will indicate when to go on stage
2. Take your white reader card and your hood (if applicable) with you
3. Leave your program and any other belongings at your seat
4. Hand the white reader card to the reader
5. Walk to the hooding area and present your hood
6. The photographer will take your picture as you are being hooded (or recognized), so remember to SMILE!
7. Continue off stage
8. The photographer will take another posed picture, SMILE!
9. Return to your seat by walking BEHIND the faculty seating, ushers will be available to assist you
10. Out of courtesy to your fellow graduates, please stay for the entire program

WELLS CONFERENCE CENTER

Immediately following the ceremony, a reception with light refreshments for you and your guests will be held in Wells Conference Center. There is no charge to attend. Ushers will be present to direct guests to Wells.

GUIDE TO ACADEMIC REGALIA

Please be sure that you have obtained the correct color hood for your degree from the Bookstore.

Certificate of Advanced Studies (Education)  Light Blue
Certificate of Advanced Studies (Nursing)    Golden Yellow
Doctor of Education                        Light Blue
Doctor of Philosophy                       Dark Blue
Master of Arts (including Master of Arts in Teaching)  White
Master of Business Administration          Drab
Master of Education                        Light Blue
Master of Engineering                      Orange
Master of Fine Arts                        Dark Brown
Master of Forestry                         Russet
Master of Music                            Pink
Master of Professional Studies             Golden Yellow
Master of Science (including Master of Science in Teaching) Golden Yellow
Master of Social Work                       Citron
Master of Wildlife Conservation            Golden Yellow
Professional Science Master’s              Golden Yellow