Graduate Faculty: What to Expect

The Graduate School Commencement Ceremony will be held **Friday, May 10, 2019** at 4 PM in the Harold Alfond Arena. This year’s Graduate School Commencement will mirror the undergraduate ceremony with faculty processing from the Field House.

You are expected to report to the Field House in regalia by 3:20 PM on May 10th. There is no rehearsal for either Commencement ceremonies, so please be sure to follow instructions for line-up, marching, etc. on the day of the ceremony. Contact the UM Bookstore to obtain regalia on campus or utilize the faculty commencement page: [umaine.edu/commencement/faculty/](http://umaine.edu/commencement/faculty/)

**New Balance Field House**

All marching faculty should assemble and robe in the New Balance Field House to prepare to march out of the arched glass doors.

Be prepared to leave the Field House by 3:45 PM sharp to march to Alfond Arena. If you feel you cannot march from the New Balance Field House to the Alfond Arena Zamboni entrance, please go directly to Alfond Arena.

If you are a member of the Graduate Board’s Executive Committee, please check in with volunteer staff when you arrive at the Field House.

**Harold Alfond Arena**

Faculty will march in two lines from the Field House to Alfond Arena with the Executive Committee members in the left line and be seated closest to the stage entrance.

Faculty Marshals will meet you at the Zamboni entrance of Alfond Arena and lead you up the center aisle. Faculty will remain standing on either side of the center aisle while the graduates march up the center aisle. After all graduates find their seats, faculty should file into faculty seating but remain standing. The Stage Party will march up the center aisle to the stage after faculty are at their seats.

Faculty will process out of the arena following the stage party and may return rented regalia on Saturday downstairs at Alfond Arena near the elevator or to the bookstore.

**Wells Conference Center – Reception**

Immediately following the ceremony, a reception with light refreshments for you and your guests will be held in Wells Conference Center on Friday May 10. There is no charge to attend. Ushers will be present to direct guests to Wells.

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For information about the Graduate School Commencement Ceremony go to:

[umaine.edu/graduate/grad-commencement](http://umaine.edu/graduate/grad-commencement)

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Important Information:

- Obtain regalia
- Notify the Graduate School if hooding doctoral candidates.

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Graduate Candidates: What to Expect

The Graduate School Commencement Ceremony will be held Friday, May 10, 2019 at 4 PM in the Harold Alfond Arena.

You are expected to report to the Field House by 3:15PM on May 10th. All graduates must obtain regalia in order to participate. Registration for Commencement is required. There is no rehearsal for either Commencement 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 or online at bookstore.umaine.edu.
- The cost of regalia for a Master's/CAS student is $71.98 plus tax
- 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 $206 plus tax
- Doctoral students complete the Doctoral Regalia Form and return to Betty Campbell (bettec@maine.edu) in the Bookstore.
- The University will be unable to respond to orders placed after the deadline of April 11th.
- 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 Graduate Commencement Ceremony on Friday as you will be hooded at the Saturday Commencement Ceremony!!
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 at 3:50PM.** Graduates will be led through the aisle 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 a seat. Once the ceremony begins, ushers will indicate when to go on stage.

Harold 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. Proceed to pick up your diploma!
8. Continue off stage
9. Return to your seat, ushers will be available to assist you
10. Out of courtesy to your fellow graduates, please stay for the entire program

Reception Location

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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