

GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT



MAY 6, 2022 - 4 P.M.

Harold Alfond Arena

The Graduate School Commencement Ceremony will be held on May 6 in the Harold Alfond Arena. This is not a ticketed event.

Graduates are expected to report in regalia to the New Balance Field House by 3:00 p.m. on May 6. There is no rehearsal, be sure to follow staff instructions for line-up, marching, and hooding on the day of the ceremony. See the next page for additional instructions.

Guide to Academic Regalia

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

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

The University of Maine follows civil and University of Maine System COVID-19 health and safety guidance. All those attending UMaine commencement ceremonies in May, including graduates, will be asked to show evidence of vaccination, or documentation of a negative COVID-19 PCR or antigen test within 72 hours of arrival, or documentation of a positive COVID test within 90 days of arrival, including the required five-day isolation. Face coverings are recommended, but are optional.

Guests and graduates who are COVID-19 positive on the day of the ceremonies are asked not to come to campus. Anyone who is positive on-site will be asked to leave campus for the health and safety of the UMaine community.

The latest UMaine COVID-19 health and safety guidance is online: umaine.edu/return.

GRADUATE CANDIDATES: WHAT TO EXPECT

Graduate candidates must pre-register to participate in ceremonies. Refer to umaine.edu/graduate/graduate-commencement for additional information.

On May 6

Graduates are expected to report to the New Balance Field House by 3:00 p.m. on May 6. Enter through the doors under the big M. Regalia obtained through the Bookstore must be worn in order to participate in ceremonies.

- 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

Do not bring personal belongings to the Field House - the University is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

In the Field House

1. Receive your COVID-19 clearance wristband. All attendees will need to show evidence of vaccination, or documentation of a negative COVID-19 PCR or antigen test within 72 hours of arrival, or documentation of a positive COVID test within 90 days of arrival, including the required five-day isolation.
2. Obtain your white reader card with your name, degree, and advisor
3. Master's/CAS/EdS graduates will line up with their college
4. Doctoral candidates will line up with the other doctoral candidates

We begin marching at 3:50 p.m. Graduates will be led through the center aisle of the Alford Arena to their seats. If the ceremony has already begun, find an usher to escort you to a seat. Once the ceremony begins, University staff will indicate when to go on stage.

During the Ceremony

- University staff will indicate when to go on stage
- Take the white reader card and your hood with you on stage
- Leave your personal belongings and the program at your seat
- Hand the white reader card to the reader
- Walk to the hooding area and present your hood
- The photographer will take your picture as you are hooded, remember to smile!
- Proceed to pick up your diploma
- Continue off stage
- Return to your seat as directed by the University staff
- Remain seated for the entire ceremony out of courtesy to your fellow graduates