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### Commencement spring ceremony for graduate students

The Spring Graduate Commencement Ceremony will be held **Friday, May 9, 2025**, at 3 p.m. in Simon Skjodt Assembly Hall, 1001 E. 17th Street in Bloomington. The procession begins at 2:30 p.m. You do not need tickets, and there are no reserved seats. You may invite as many guests as you wish.

### Determine your eligibility

Candidates completing degree requirements between January 1 and August 31 are invited to participate in Spring Commencement. Candidates for all master's, doctorate, and specialist degrees; Ph.D.'s; artist diplomas; and performer diplomas should attend the graduate ceremony. Candidates for all associate and bachelor's degrees should attend the undergraduate ceremony on the evening of May 10.

Candidates who have completed degree requirements between September 1 and December 31 are invited to participate in the Winter Commencement ceremony. There is no summer ceremony.

### Schedule

**1:00 p.m.** Graduates report for lineup in Wilkinson Hall, 1151 E. 17th Street, near Simon Skjodt Assembly Hall. Family and friends of graduates may enter Simon Skjodt Assembly Hall, where uniformed ushers will help them find seats. Guests are asked to wait until their parties are complete before being seated. Saving seats is not allowed in Simon Skjodt Assembly Hall.

Graduates will follow posted signage, first stopping to complete an information card for GradImages, the Commencement photographers. GradImages provides graduation portraits taken free of charge for graduates and their families for purchase. Print or digital photographs will be available for order after the ceremony.

Graduates will be directed to have photos taken, and then they will follow posted signage to find their school's designated lineup space. Graduates should stand with their school and wait for further instructions.

Doctoral candidates who are being hooded are responsible for arranging with their faculty mentors to meet them at Wilkinson Hall for robing and lineup. **Both students and their faculty mentors must arrive for robing and lineup by 2 p.m.**

**2:30 p.m.** School processions begin. A graduate selected by the faculty in each school's lineup space will carry their school banner and lead their school's section of the line. Graduates will be split into two single-file lines, each following their faculty marshals into Simon Skodjt Assembly Hall. After all graduates are seated, the platform party (those sitting on stage) will enter and be seated before the ceremony begins.

**3 p.m.** Ceremony begins. The ceremony includes the procession of the platform party, a student speaker, the hooding of doctoral candidates, and the conferral of degrees.

### Participating schools

College of Arts and Sciences  
Indiana University Eskenazi School of Art,  
Architecture, and Design  
Indiana University Graduate School Bloomington  
Indiana University Hamilton Lugar School of Global  
and International Studies  
The Media School  
Indiana University Kelley School of Business  
School of Education  
Indiana University Luddy School of Informatics,  
Computing, and Engineering  
Indiana University Jacobs School of Music  
School of Optometry  
Indiana University O'Neill School of Public and  
Environmental Affairs  
School of Public Health School of Social Work

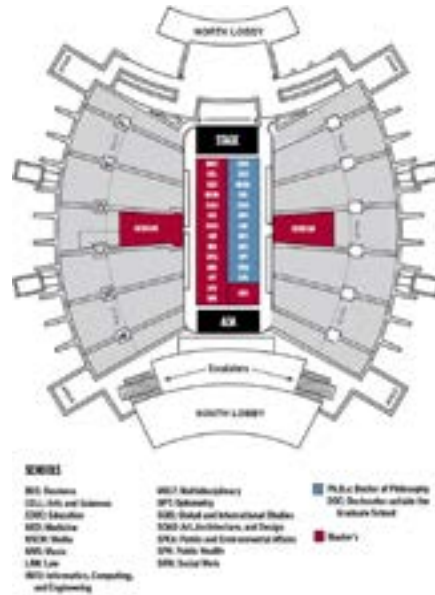
### Degrees being conferred

All master's degrees  
All Ph.D.'s  
Doctor of Audiology  
Doctor of Education  
Doctor of Music  
Doctor of Music Education  
Doctor of Optometry  
Performer diplomas  
Artist diplomas  
Specialist in Education degrees  
Note: The Maurer School of Law holds a separate ceremony for graduate degree candidates on Saturday, May 10, 2025.

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## Where to sit



### Guest seating

Guest seating is offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Ushers will be stationed throughout the building to direct all guests to the best possible seats.

Venue staff are trained to assist with special seating for guests in wheelchairs and with limited mobility. Please contact us at [gradada@iu.edu](mailto:gradada@iu.edu) with any questions.

### Graduate seating

Graduate seating is arranged by school and occupies the floor and some of the stands in Simon Skjodt Assembly Hall.

Students do not line up alphabetically. They process in through a number of doors, which means that a graduate may wind up anywhere within a school's section.

## Commencement day reminders: for graduates

- Do not bring umbrellas, backpacks, or any other personal items, as they cannot be stored during Commencement.
- Wear business or business-casual attire with comfortable—though formal—footwear.
- All degree candidates in attendance are expected to stay for the entire ceremony.
- No alcoholic beverages are permitted at Commencement.
- Signs, flags, placards, and banners are not permitted. Additionally, packages, wrapped gifts, noise makers, weapons, balloons, and outside food and beverage are prohibited.

## Commencement day reminders: for guests

- Guest seating is offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Come early for the best seat.
- Given the size of the Commencement audience, large parties are not allowed to save seats. Instead, we ask groups to gather outside and come in together, asking an usher to help find group seating.
- Because of the large number of participating graduates, we are unable to introduce graduates by name, except for doctoral/Ph.D. graduates.
- No alcoholic beverages are permitted at Commencement. Signs, flags, placards, and banners are not permitted. Additionally, packages, wrapped gifts, noise makers, weapons, balloons, and outside food and beverage are prohibited.
- Strollers are not permitted inside the venue.
- Guests may purchase flowers for their graduate at the kiosk at Simon Skjodt Assembly Hall.

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