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Commencement spring ceremony for graduate students

The Spring Graduate Commencement Ceremony will be held **Friday, May 3, 2024**, 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 morning of May 4.

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

1:30 p.m. Graduates report for lineup in Wilkinson Hall, 1151 E. 17th Street, near Simon Skjodt Assembly Hall. During lineup, graduates are directed to their specific school locations, designated by bright red banners, to form the processions. 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 this time.

At the same time, 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.

2:30 p.m. School processions begin.

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 4, 2024. For more information, call (812) 855-4809.

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Other questions? iudegree@indiana.edu; go.iu.edu/may3grad

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@indiana.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.

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, large bags, and parcels are also not allowed.
- Guests may purchase flowers for their graduate at the kiosk at Simon Skjodt Assembly Hall.

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