



Important Information for Graduating Seniors

Please read and keep this information through Commencement.

NOTE: If the **storm plan** is in effect, it will be announced on the Brown University home page (www.brown.edu), a yellow pennant will be flown on the College Green flagpole, and a message will be left at 863-2474.

Saturday, May 24 – Baccalaureate

Baccalaureate is held on Saturday, May 24, at 3 P.M. in the First Baptist Church in America.

At **2 P.M.** all seniors, dressed in cap and gown, report to the assembly area on the College Green in front of Sayles Hall.

The Baccalaureate procession steps off promptly at 2:15 P.M.

Only graduating seniors are allowed into the First Baptist Church for Baccalaureate. The multifaith ceremony will be simulcast in its entirety to screens on the College Green. In addition, the church exercises will be simulcast to Salomon Center and Sayles Hall and audiocast into Manning Chapel for parents and guests.

In the event of **storm conditions**, there will be no formal procession, and all seniors, dressed in cap and gown, should report directly to the First Baptist Church.

Sunday, May 25 – Commencement

Commencement is held on Sunday, May 25.

No later than **9:30 A.M.** all seniors, dressed in cap and gown, should report to the assembly area on Waterman Street, beginning at Hope College and facing toward Thayer Street.

The Commencement procession steps off promptly at 9:45 A.M.

As graduating seniors, you will march through the Van Wickle Gates and down College Hill through the divided ranks of the Corporation, faculty, and alumni, and, due to an inversion of the entire procession, the Corporation, faculty, alumni, and your classmates will in turn march through your divided ranks along Benefit Street, all to great mutual applause.

At the bottom of the hill, you will enter the grounds of the First Baptist Church and gather on the lawn facing the church.

Once the class is assembled, a portion of the College ceremony will commence. A student will perform the national anthem, and the University chaplain will deliver the invocation. The president will conduct the conferral of the baccalaureate degrees. The seniors will then be alumni and can switch their cap tassels from the right to the left side.

Only graduating seniors will be allowed onto the grounds of the Meeting House for this 10-minute ceremony. It will be simulcast in its entirety to screens on the College Green, in Salomon Center, Sayles Hall, and the Pizzitola Center. Guests can also listen to a live audiocast in Manning Chapel and Meehan Auditorium.

Following the conferral of the degrees, the president and the senior class will return to the College Green, where the seniors will be seated for the presentation of the senior orations. After the second oration, members of the Graduate and Medical Schools will join the seniors on the College Green for the University ceremony. The University ceremony will be simulcast to Salomon Center, Sayles Hall, and Pizzitola Center for parents and guests. One can also listen to a live audiocast in Manning Chapel and Meehan Auditorium.

The Commencement procession will be cancelled only in the event of **storm conditions**. If the storm plan is in effect, undergraduates in caps and gowns should be in their seats in the Paul Bailey Pizzitola Memorial Sports Center by **11:45 A.M.** Departmental diploma ceremonies are held in the assigned locations immediately following the main ceremony. These locations will be listed on the last page of the Commencement program and can be found on the Commencement Web site.

No alcoholic beverages are allowed during the processions or the Baccalaureate and Commencement exercises. They will be confiscated by marshals and public safety officers.

Before you enter the First Baptist Church in America

Brown Commencement and this historic house of worship have been connected since 1776. Please observe the following:

- The First Baptist Church is a place of worship, and we are guests of the congregation. Please conduct yourselves in a respectful manner.
- No food or beverages are allowed inside, and this restriction will be strictly enforced by marshals, ushers, and public safety officers.
- Turn off all cellular phones, pagers, and other electronic devices before entering the church.

