

Commencement 2018

Frequently Asked Questions

Graduate Students

WHAT DAY IS COMMENCEMENT?

Sunday, May 27, 2018

WHAT TIME DOES COMMENCEMENT START?

The procession steps off promptly at 9:45 a.m. Graduate students should line up on Waterman Street by 9:00 a.m. Seniors, medical students, and graduate students process through the Van Wickle Gates and split off to their separate ceremony locations.

HOW DO I WEAR MY REGALIA?

Try on your regalia prior to Commencement to make sure you have received the correct items and they fit correctly.

Doctoral students: Carry the doctoral hood over your left arm; you will be hooded at the ceremony. The tassel for the tam goes on the left. **Master's students:** Wear your hood to the ceremony. The tassel for the cap goes on the left.

WHERE AND WHAT TIME DOES THE GRADUATE SCHOOL CEREMONY BEGIN?

After the doctoral and master's students pass through the Van Wickle Gates, they will take an immediate right onto Prospect Street. They will take another immediate right onto Waterman Street. Master's students will then head toward Pembroke Field for their ceremony which will begin around 10:30 a.m. Doctoral students will head toward Simmons Quadrangle for their ceremony which will begin around 10:15 a.m.

WHAT TIME WILL THE GRADUATE SCHOOL CEREMONY END?

The ceremony runs about two hours. Ph.D. and master's students receive their actual diplomas at these ceremonies.

WHERE AND WHAT TIME DOES THE UNIVERSITY CEREMONY BEGIN?

The University Ceremony begins around 1:15 p.m. on the Main Green and is optional for graduate students and their families. The honorary and symbolic degrees are awarded here.

IS THERE A LIMIT TO HOW MANY TICKETS I CAN GET?

There are no tickets for Commencement. Seating is first come, first served.

CAMPUS ACCESSIBILITY

Please contact SEAS (Student Employee Accessibility Services) at 401-225-9572 to make arrangements for shuttle transportation. SEAS can also assist with other arrangements throughout Commencement Weekend. Please visit <https://www.brown.edu/commencement/plan/accessibility-accommodations> for additional accessibility information.

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SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING GRADUATE EVENTS:

Friday, May 25, 4:30 - 6 p.m.

Back to Brown Engineering Alumni Reception, Hazeltine Commons, Engineering Research Center

Saturday, May 26, 8:45 a.m.

Sc.M. Engineering Brunch and Medal Presentation. *By invitation.*

Saturday, May 26, 9:45 a.m.

PRIME Brunch and Medal Presentation. *By invitation.*

Saturday, May 26, 6:00 p.m.

Engineering awards dinner and presentation of Ph.D. hoods. *By invitation.*