Congratulations!

CLASS OF

2016

May 14, 2016, at 10 a.m., EagleBank Arena

Please read all information contained in this brochure.

For more information, visit events.gmu.edu.

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Guest Parking

All parking lots on campus are available for guest parking. Handicapped and special-assistance parking is available in Lot A adjacent to the EagleBank Arena, South Entrance.

Diploma Information

Most diplomas will be mailed to the student's "diploma address," which is specified during the online graduation application process. Diplomas are mailed within five to seven weeks following degree conferral.

Additional Commencement Information Contacts

- Events Management, 703-993-2853/8844
  Ceremonies and guest arrangements
- Office of the University Registrar, 703-993-2441
  Diploma mailing, degree compliance
- School of Law, 703-993-8043
- Mason Bookstore, 703-993-2666, **gmu.bncollege.com**
  Caps and gowns, announcements, Graduation Fair

Commencement Website

events.gmu.edu

Check this website for all event information and updates, including information on the competition to represent the Class of 2016 as Commencement student speaker.

Hotel Accommodations for Guests

Area Hotels

www.gmu.edu/resources/visitors
(Some offer special Mason rates.)

- Best Western (Fairfax City)
  3535 Chain Bridge Road
  Route 123 at I-66
  Fairfax, VA 22030
  703-591-5500
- Comfort Inn
  11180 Main Street
  Fairfax, VA 22030
  703-591-5900
- Marriott Fairfax at Fair Oaks
  11787 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway
  Fairfax, VA 22033
  703-352-2525
- Hyatt Fair Lakes
  12777 Fair Lakes Circle
  Fairfax, VA 22030
  703-818-1234/800-233-1234
- Holiday Inn Express
  10327 Lee Highway
  Fairfax, VA 22030
  703-359-2888
- SpringHill Suites by Marriott
  Fairfax/Fair Oaks
  11191 Waples Mill Road
  Fairfax, VA 22030
  703-691-7800

Commencement Videos

Commencement videos are available at **gmutv.gmu.edu/commencement.**

2015–16 Combination DVD and Print Yearbooks

Order yearbooks online at **www.gmu.edu/org/gmview.**

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All December 2015 graduates are eligible to participate in Commencement ceremonies and do not need to reapply for graduation. See George Mason University Commencement information below.

May and August 2016 Graduates

Your first stop is the Office of the University Registrar Graduation website.

Important information about timelines and the entire graduation process can be found at **registrar.gmu.edu/graduation.**

All George Mason University graduates must apply to graduate even if there are no plans to participate in Commencement ceremonies. If you will complete your degree requirements in May, you should have already applied for spring 2016 graduation. If you have not done so, you should apply immediately. The deadline to apply online (Patriot Web) is **February 19, 2016.** If you do not apply online by that date, you must submit a paper **Late Graduation Application,** as described on the Graduation website.

If you will complete your degree requirements in August and would like to participate in the spring Commencement ceremonies, your deadline to apply is **February 19, 2016.** Undergraduate and master's **August graduation candidates** may participate in the spring ceremony. **August 2016 doctoral candidates** will participate in the winter 2015 graduation and are not eligible to participate in the spring 2016 ceremony.

Please remember that you must apply to graduate by **February 20** or your name **will not** appear in the printed Commencement program.

- Thesis and dissertation deadlines are posted at **thesis.gmu.edu.**
- If you do not wish to have your name published in the Commencement program, visit **registrar.gmu.edu/wp-content/uploads/PER.pdf** to fill out the form to exclude your name. Submit the form with a copy of your photo ID to the Office of the University Registrar no later than **February 19, 2016.**

George Mason University Commencement

The 49th annual George Mason University Spring Commencement is Saturday, May 14, 2016, at 10 a.m. in the EagleBank Arena. The complete schedule of all graduation ceremonies is on page 2.

The following degree candidates are eligible to participate in Commencement exercises:

August 2015 ..... Doctoral graduates
December 2015 ..... All degrees
May 2016..... All degrees
August 2016 ..... Bachelor's and master's degrees

Graduates are requested to arrive promptly at 9 a.m. at the North Plaza, near the George Mason statue, for assembly on May 1. The EagleBank Arena doors open for guests at 9 a.m. The ceremony begins at 10 a.m. and lasts approximately two hours.

Information on the Commencement ceremony, guest tickets, college and school convocations, caps and gowns, and guest parking is contained in the following pages and at **events.gmu.edu.** All phone numbers including the Registrar's Office, Events Management, and the University Bookstore are listed on the back page of this brochure.

Again, our sincere congratulations and wishes for success on your new beginnings.

Sincerely,

Toni-Michelle Travis
University Marshal

Barbara Lubar
Events Management

Meghan Arias
Associate Registrar
for Operations

*Please plan to attend **both** the official university Commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 14, at 10 a.m. in the EagleBank Arena **and** your specific college or school convocation ceremony at the time and location indicated below.*

Schedule of College and School Convocations and Commencement

College/School	Date	Time	Place
College of Science	Wednesday, May 11	3 p.m.	EagleBank Arena
College of Health and Human Services	Thursday, May 12	10 a.m.	EagleBank Arena
New Century College (CHSS)	Thursday, May 12	10:30 a.m.	Concert Hall
Volgenau School of Engineering	Thursday, May 12	2 p.m.	EagleBank Arena
School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution	Thursday, May 12	6:30 p.m.	Concert Hall
CHSS I: Humanities: Doctoral, Masters, Undergrads	Thursday, May 12	7 p.m.	EagleBank Arena
CHSS II: Social Sciences: Doctoral, Masters, Undergrads	Friday, May 13	10 a.m.	EagleBank Arena
Recreation, Health, and Tourism (CEHD) *(Ticketed event)* For information, contact **AskCEHD@gmu.edu**.	Friday, May 13	10 a.m.	Hylton Performing Arts Center, Science and Technology Campus
School of Business	Friday, May 13	2 p.m.	EagleBank Arena
College of Visual and Performing Arts *(Ticketed event)*	Friday, May 13	3 p.m.	Concert Hall
School of Policy, Government, and International Affairs	Friday, May 13	7 p.m.	EagleBank Arena
Commencement 2015 *(Ticketed event)* ***(Line-up starts at 8:45 a.m., Johnson Center North Plaza)***	**Saturday, May 14**	**10 a.m.**	**EagleBank Arena**
Krasnow Institute for Advanced Study	Saturday, May 14	12:30 p.m.	Krasnow Institute
Graduate School of Education (CEHD)	Saturday, May 14	2 p.m.	EagleBank Arena
School of Law	Saturday, May 14	2 p.m.	Concert Hall

*** CHSS I Majors:**

Art History (BA, MA)
Communication (BA, MA, PhD)
Community College Education (DA)
Creative Writing (BFA, MFA)
Cultural Studies (PhD)
English (BA, MA)
Environmental and Sustainability Studies (BA) •
Foreign Language (BA, MA)
Global Affairs (BA, MA)
History (BA, MA, PhD)
History of Decorative Arts (MA)
Individualized Study (BIS)
Integrative Studies (BA, BS) •
Interdisciplinary Studies (MAIS)
Latin American Studies (BA)
Linguistics (PhD)
Middle East and Islamic Studies (MA)
Philosophy (BA, MA)
Religious Studies (BA)
Russian and Eurasian Studies (BA)
Russian Studies (BA)
Writing and Rhetoric (PhD)

*** *CHSS II Majors:**

Administration of Justice (BS)
Anthropology (BA, MA)
Criminology, Law and Society (BA, BS, MA, PhD)
Economics (BA, BS, MA, PhD)
Neuroscience (BS)
Psychology (BA, BS, MA, PhD)
Sociology (BA, MA, PhD)

• These New Century College Graduates may attend both the NCC and the CHSS I convocations.

*Representatives from Mason's Alumni Association will be at the Commencement procession to welcome you with tokens in honor of your new alumni status. Check out the Alumni Association's new online community at **alumni.gmu.edu.***

*For a listing of all graduation week festivities and important resources, visit **gradfest.gmu.edu.***

What's the difference between Commencement and Convocation?

Commencement—Saturday, May 14, 10 a.m., EagleBank Arena

The entire university community is invited to this formal event at which degrees are ceremoniously conferred by the university president.

- Ceremony begins with a graduate procession through campus.
- Official university guest speaker delivers Commencement address.
- Selected student speaker representing the Class of 2016 delivers address. Visit **events.gmu.edu/commencement/commencement-speaker** for entry details.
- Event is televised.
- **Tickets are required for guests. Each graduate may obtain six guest tickets.**
- PhD graduates are individually recognized and photographed on stage receiving their degrees. All graduates are acknowledged by deans or directors and the university president.
- Caps and gowns are worn.

Convocation Ceremonies—See schedule on previous page.

Convocations are celebrations of graduation sponsored by individual units.

- Individual school and college graduates only.
- **All guests are welcome; tickets are not required except where noted.**
- All graduates are individually recognized and photographed on stage.
- Each school and college selects speakers.
- Caps and gowns are worn.

Graduates are encouraged to attend both the official university Commencement ceremony and their specific convocation ceremony.

Ticket Information for Commencement Ceremony, May 14, 10 a.m.

Because more than 7,000 students will graduate this year, seating at Commencement is limited and guest tickets are required. All graduates may pick up six guest tickets at the EagleBank Arena box office starting April 21 as specified below. **Doctoral candidates will receive reserved ticket information via email.**

Each graduate is permitted a maximum of **six** guest tickets—each guest must have a ticket. Graduating students do not need a ticket. Please pick up only the number of tickets you require. All tickets are free and general admission. Special assistance and handicapped seating will be available for the ceremony; please ask any EagleBank Arena usher at the portal entrances when you arrive for Commencement. Guests requiring special assistance may be seated with one other guest in their party in an easy-access section of the EagleBank Arena.

Please note: Graduates who do not apply to graduate by February 19, 2016, will not be guaranteed six guest tickets nor will their name appear in the Commencement program.

Ticket Pickup

Tickets and detailed instructions may be picked up at the EagleBank Arena box office, with a Mason ID or valid driver's license on the following dates and times:

Tuesday, April 19, through Tuesday, May 10, 2016
Monday–Thursday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Friday–Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

THE FINAL DAY TO PICK UP TICKETS IS WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 10 A.M. TO 5:30 P.M.
If you find that you do not need all the tickets you originally picked up, please return the extras to the box office at the times listed above.

Tickets that are not picked up by 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 11, 2016, will be distributed to other graduates Wednesday evening starting at 6 p.m.

Additional Tickets

Neither Events Management nor the Office of the University Registrar has additional tickets. Additional tickets will be available only if students turn in unneeded tickets.

Tickets that are turned in or not picked up will be redistributed as follows:

EagleBank Arena Box Office, first come, first served, Wednesday, May 11, 6 to 7 p.m., with Mason ID. And, if tickets are still available, on Saturday, May 14, 9 a.m. until the ceremony. No ID required.

Caps and Gowns

Commencement at Mason is a traditional ceremony where graduates and faculty wear caps and gowns. Master's candidates must also wear a master's hood. Please state your field of study when purchasing your hood because different colors denote different fields of study. Please see information in this packet regarding the purchase of bachelor's and master's caps and gowns at the **Graduation Fair, March 1–3, 2016.** School of Law and School of Policy, Government, and International Affairs graduates order caps, gowns, tassels, and announcements through the Arlington Campus Bookstore at 703-993-8170.

Graduation Fair

For your convenience, the University Bookstore will sponsor a Graduation Fair Tuesday through Thursday, March 1–3, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Johnson Center atrium, Fairfax Campus. Purchase caps, gowns, announcements, rings, and other items; have photo taken in regalia; and pick up Commencement tickets all in one location. Remember, announcements are not invitations and do not serve as tickets to the Commencement ceremony.

The Prince William and Arlington Campus bookstores will offer the same promotional pricing during these dates. Please visit **www.gmu.bncollege.com** for details.

Photo Opportunities

A photographer will be on hand for cap and gown photos before Commencement, May 14, from 8 to 9 a.m. on the Johnson Center North Plaza. Please visit **events.gmu.edu** for other information. Photographers will be present at all convocation events to photograph the ceremonies.