



2017

Congratulations! Class of 2017
Please read *all* information contained in this brochure.

May and August 2017 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 2017 graduation. If you have not done so, you should apply immediately. The deadline to apply online (Patriot Web) is **February 23, 2017**. 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 23, 2017**. Undergraduate and master's **August graduation candidates** may participate in the spring ceremony. **August 2017 doctoral candidates** will participate in the winter 2017 graduation and are not eligible to participate in the spring 2017 ceremony.

Please remember that you must apply to graduate by **February 23** or your name **will not** appear in the printed Commencement program.

- Thesis and dissertation deadlines are posted at thesis.gmu.edu.
- Students who have placed a confidential hold on their record will be excluded from the graduation program. If you have a confidential hold and wish for your name to be included in the program, the hold must be removed by **February 23, 2017**.

George Mason University Commencement

The 50th annual George Mason University Spring Commencement is Saturday, May 20, 2017, 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 the Commencement ceremony:

May 2017..... All degrees

August 2017 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 20. 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, college and school celebrations, 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, University Events, 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,

Star Muir
University Marshal

Barbara Lubar
University Events

Eve Dauer
Associate Provost,
University Registrar

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

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

Additional Commencement Information Contacts

- University Events, 703-993-2853/8844
Ceremonies and guest arrangements
- Office of the University Registrar, 703-993-2441
Diploma mailing, degree compliance
- Antonin Scalia Law School, 703-993-8160
- Mason Bookstore, 703-993-2666, gmubncollege.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 2017 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 gmuv.gmu.edu/commencement.

2016–17 Combination DVD and Print Yearbooks

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

Please plan to attend **both** the official university Commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 20, at 10 a.m. in the EagleBank Arena **and** your specific college or school degree celebration at the time and location indicated below.

Schedule of College/School Degree Celebrations/Receptions May 17-20

College/School	Date	Time	Place
College of Science	Wednesday, May 17	2 p.m.	EagleBank Arena
College of Health and Human Services	Thursday, May 18	10 a.m.	EagleBank Arena
School of Integrative Studies (CHSS)	Thursday, May 18	10:30 a.m.	Concert Hall
Volgenau School of Engineering	Thursday, May 18	2 p.m.	EagleBank Arena
School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution	Thursday, May 18	6:30 p.m.	Concert Hall
CHSS I: Humanities: Doctoral, Masters, Undergrads	Thursday, May 18	7 p.m.	EagleBank Arena
CHSS II: Social Sciences: Doctoral, Masters, Undergrads	Friday, May 19	10 a.m.	EagleBank Arena
Recreation, Health, and Tourism (CEHD) <i>(Ticketed Event)</i>	Friday, May 19	10 a.m.	Hylton Performing Arts Center, SciTech Campus
School of Business	Friday, May 19	2 p.m.	EagleBank Arena
College of Visual and Performing Arts <i>(Ticketed Event)</i>	Friday, May 19	3 p.m.	Concert Hall
Schar School of Policy and Government	Friday, May 19	7 p.m.	EagleBank Arena
COMMENCEMENT 2017 <i>(LINEUP STARTS AT 9 a.m., Johnson Center, North Plaza)</i>	Saturday, May 20	10 a.m.	EagleBank Arena
Graduate School of Education (CEHD)	Saturday, May 20	2 p.m.	EagleBank Arena
Antonin Scalia Law School	Saturday, May 20	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)
 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)

• The School of Integrative Studies graduates may attend both the SIS and the CHSS degree celebrations.

Representatives from Mason's Alumni Association will be present at Commencement to welcome you into the alumni community with a commemorative gift.

Stay connected with a network of more than 178,000 Mason alumni at alumni.gmu.edu.

Celebrate your success with events like the annual Grad Toast Celebration during Grad Fest 2017.

Visit gradfest.gmu.edu for details.

What's the difference between Commencement and the Degree Celebrations?

Commencement—Saturday, May 20, 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 2017 delivers address. Visit events.gmu.edu/commencement/commencement-speaker for entry details.
- Event is televised.
- **Tickets are not required for guests.**
- PhD graduates are individually recognized, hooded, and photographed on stage receiving their degrees. All graduates are acknowledged by deans or directors and the university president.
- Caps and gowns are worn.

Degree Celebrations—

See schedule on previous page.

These are celebrations of degrees 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 degree celebration ceremony.

Guest Attendance Information for Commencement Ceremony, May 20, 10 a.m.

Seating is open and available on a general admission basis.

Guest tickets for the Commencement ceremony are not required.

Doors open at 9 a.m. for all guests. It is advisable to arrive at this time.

If EagleBank Arena reaches capacity, the overflow viewing area will be in the Concert Hall on Mason Pond Drive, across Patriot Circle from the arena. Shuttles will be available at the South Entrance to transport anyone needing assistance to the Concert Hall.

Seating in all sections of the EagleBank Arena, Rows E, F, and G are marked reserved for special needs. These rows are on the concourse level and are easy access seating without requiring the use of stairs.

Wheelchair accessible seating is available in the four corner portals 4, 8, 13, and 17.

Ushers are stationed at each portal to help with seating.

All bachelor's and master's graduates should meet on the North Plaza for the processional lineup. Doctoral candidates should meet in the Johnson Center Atrium for lineup.

Caps and Gowns

Commencement at Mason is a traditional ceremony where graduates and faculty wear caps and gowns. The required academic regalia can only be obtained from the George Mason University Bookstore. 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.

Master's Degree Recipients

Be sure to verify your correct hood color against your specific field of study listed below.

Arts—White	Social Work—Citron	Health/Physical Education—Sage Green
Education—Light Blue	Fine Arts—Brown	Public Administration/Policy—Peacock Blue
Music—Pink	Nursing—Apricot	
Public Health—Salmon	Engineering—Orange	
Business—Drab	Science—Gold	

Please see information in this packet regarding the purchase of bachelor's and master's caps and gowns at the **Graduation Fair, March 7–9, 2017**. Antonin Scalia Law School and Schar School of Policy and Government graduates may order caps, gowns, tassels, and announcements through the Arlington Campus Bookstore at 703-993-8170.

2017 Cap and Gown Prices (plus tax)

- Bachelor Keeper Outfit (cap, gown, and tassel)\$62.98
- Master Keeper Outfit (cap, gown, tassel, and hood)\$107.98
- Doctoral Rental Outfit (cap, gown, tassel, and hood)\$157.98

For those who will be unable to attend the Graduation Fair or decide to participate in graduation after the fair on March 7-9, you will be able to purchase your regalia at any Mason bookstore on a first-come, first-served basis.

Graduation Fair

For your convenience, the University Bookstore will sponsor a Graduation Fair Tuesday through Thursday, March 7-9, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Johnson Center atrium (in front of the bookstore), Fairfax Campus. Purchase caps, gowns, announcements, rings, and other items; have photo taken in regalia; and pick up Commencement information in one location.

The Science and Technology and Arlington Campus bookstores will also begin selling caps and gowns at this time. Please visit www.gmu.bncollege.com for details.

If you are unable to attend the Graduation Fair, the websites listed below are for your convenience.

Personalized Announcements:

Herff Jones: www.herffjones.com/college/gmu

Balfour: www.balfour.com

College Rings:

Herff Jones: www.herffjones.com/college/gmu

Balfour: www.balfour.com

Diploma Frames/Framing Success/ Churchill Classics:

gmu.bncollege.com

Photo Opportunities

A photographer will be on hand for cap and gown photos before Commencement, May 20, from 8 to 9 a.m. on the Johnson Center North Plaza. Please visit events.gmu.edu for more information.

Photographers will be present at all degree celebration events to photograph the ceremonies.