Congratulations! Class of 2016

Please read all information contained in this brochure.

May and August 2016 Graduates

Your first step 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. Theses 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.
Schedule of College and School Convocations and Commencement

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<td>For information, contact <a href="mailto:AskCEHD@gmu.edu">AskCEHD@gmu.edu</a></td>
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Convenement 2015 (Ticketed event) (Line-up starts at 8:45 a.m., Johnson Center North Plaza)

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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 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.

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.