May and August 2018 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 they do not plan to participate in Commencement ceremonies. If you will complete your degree requirements in May, you should have already applied for spring 2018 graduation. If you have not done so, you should apply immediately. The deadline to apply online (Patriot Web) is February 22, 2018. 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 22, 2018. Undergraduate and Master’s August graduation candidates may participate in the spring ceremony. August 2018 doctoral candidates will participate in the Winter 2018 Graduation and are not eligible to participate in the spring 2018 ceremony.

Please remember that you must apply to graduate by February 22 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 22, 2018.

George Mason University Commencement

The 51st annual George Mason University Spring Commencement is Friday, May 18, 2018, at 10 a.m. in the EagleBank Arena. The complete schedule of all graduation ceremonies is inside.

The following degree candidates are eligible to participate in the Commencement ceremony:

- May 2018............................ All Degrees
- August 2018........................... Bachelor’s and Master’s Degrees

Graduates are requested to arrive promptly at 8:30 a.m. at the Wilkins Plaza, near the George Mason statue, for assembly on May 18. 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 gmu.edu/graduation. 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                Julie Gladbach                Eve Dauer
University Marshal       University Events                University Registrar
Please plan to attend both the official university Commencement ceremony on Friday, May 18, 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 16-19**

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<td>Friday, May 18</td>
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<td><strong>LINEUP STARTS AT 8:30 a.m., Wilkins Plaza (formerly North Plaza). Graduate Procession into EagleBank Arena scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. No tickets required with overflow seating available in Concert Hall.)</strong></td>
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- 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)
- Human Development and Family Science (BA)
- 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.

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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 185,000 Mason alumni at [alumni.gmu.edu](http://alumni.gmu.edu).
What’s the difference between Commencement and the Degree Celebrations?

Commencement—
Friday, May 18, 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. Procession begins moving at 9:30 a.m.
- Official university guest speaker delivers Commencement address.
- Selected student speaker representing the Class of 2018 delivers address. Visit gmu.edu/graduation for entry details.
- Event is televised.
- Tickets are not required for guests.
- PhD graduates are individually recognized, hooded, and photographed on stage.
- All guests are welcome; tickets are not required except where noted.
- Each school and college selects speakers.
- 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.

Guest Attendance Information for Commencement Ceremony, May 18, 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. Shuttle 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 at Wilkins Plaza for the processional lineup. Doctoral candidates should meet in the Johnson Center Atrium for lineup.

IMPORTANT: Graduates, for security reasons, be prepared to present your Mason ID or provide your G number when you arrive at Wilkins Plaza or EagleBank Arena. Please do not carry a bag or purse to the event as this may delay entry into the arena.

Inform your guests of the EagleBank Arena security policy found at www.eaglebankarena.com/security-policy.
Check regularly for updates and additional information at gmu.edu/graduation.

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—
- Education—Light Blue
- Fine Arts—Brown
- Sage Green
- Music—Pink
- Nursing—Apricot
- Public Administration/Policy—
- Public Health—Salmon
- Engineering—Orange
- Peacock Blue
- 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 6–8, 2018. 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.

2018 Cap and Gown Prices (plus tax)
- Bachelor Keeper Outfit (cap, gown, and tassel).................$65.98
- Master Keeper Outfit (cap, gown, tassel, and hood)........$112.98
- Doctoral Rental Outfit (cap, gown, tassel, and hood)........$159.98

For those who will be unable to attend the Graduation Fair or decide to participate in graduation after the fair on March 6-8, 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 6-8, 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 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

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 18, starting at 8:30 a.m. at the Johnson Center Wilkins Plaza and again after the ceremony near the George Mason statue at Wilkins Plaza. Photographers will be present at all degree celebration events to photograph the ceremonies.
Congratulations!
CLASS OF
Spring Commencement
Friday, May 18, 2018, at 10 a.m., EagleBank Arena

Please read all information contained in this brochure.
For more information, visit gm.edu/graduation.

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, gm bncollege.com
Caps and gowns, announcements, Graduation Fair

Hotel Accommodations for Guests
Area Hotels
gm.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.

2018 Senior Portraits
Session information is available at studentmedia.gmu.edu/services/senior-portraits.

Commencement Website
gm.edu/graduation
Check this website for all event information and updates, including information on the competition to represent the Class of 2018 as the Commencement student speaker.