2019 Diploma Ceremony Student Information

SUNDAY MAY 12, 2018

- Graduates should plan on arriving at WoodPEC, bringing their regalia, by 10 am. We will be lining up on the lower level, either outside by the track or inside in the hallway, depending on the weather.

- There is no storage available, so you are advised not to bring large purses, changes or shoes, or backpacks. Whatever you bring to the line-up you will need to keep with you into your seat, and after you walk across the stage you may return to a different seat.

- No food or drink of any kind is permitted in the gymnasium.

- All graduates must be present and lined up at 10:30 am. Graduates line up by degree and then in alphabetical order. Doctoral graduates will form a line adjacent to the faculty line, and faculty will line up in the order of the graduates they are hooding. Faculty who are not hooding anyone will line up at the end. LGS staff will be there to assist. It gets a little messy, so it is important to be on time.

- At 10:45, the procession into the gymnasium begins. We will proceed in two lines: one line of doctoral graduates and one line with first master’s graduates and then faculty (first those who are hooding someone, in order, and then the remaining faculty members). Each line will be led by a marshal.

- Master’s graduates will walk across the stage to receive their diploma covers and shake hands with Dean Tedesco.

- Doctoral graduates will walk across the stage with their advisor. They will first have the hood placed over their gown, and then receive their diploma covers and shake hands with Dean Tedesco.

- Photographers will be stationed in front of and on the side of the stage. They will take pictures of both the graduate and the advisor. Photos will be available for purchase.

- Maps of the gymnasium and the walking paths are provided on pages below. During the ceremony, marshals and LGS staff will guide the process of walking across the stage.

- At the end of the ceremony, graduates and faculty will recess as they entered: in two lines, via two exits, led by Marshals.

- Guests will leave via different exits. At the end of the ceremony, a lot of people will be in a small space, and the best strategy might be to meet up at the reception at the Emory Conference Center and Hotel. Shuttle buses will leave from in front of WoodPEC – from Asbury Circle, close to where the DUCling is.

How the Hooding Happens

- The student’s moves forward onto the stage to a point in front of Dean Tedesco.
• Graduates will carry their hoods.

• The adviser should be behind and slightly to the left of the candidate; Senior Associate Dean Cathryn Johnson will be on the other side.

• Dean Johnson will grasp the part of the hood that will go over the right shoulder. The advisor will hold the opposite side and the front, keeping the opening of the hood wide. Together, the advisor and Dean Johnson place the hood over the student’s head.

• The student secures the loop in front. The advisor adjusts the back of hood so that the lining is showing.

• After hooding, Dean Tedesco shakes hands with the student and presents the diploma cover. A University photographer will snap a photo.

• As the graduate and the advisor leave the stage, a University photographer will snap a photo.

MONDAY MAY 13, 2019

The All-Schools Ceremony (Quadrangle)
All graduates of the Laney Graduate School should gather behind the Carlos Museum by the Mizell Steps at 8:15 am. Faculty marshals will guide you in forming a single line for the procession (first doctoral graduates, then master’s graduates, then faculty) You will enter the Quadrangle with the schools of Public Health and Law to your right. Please do not bring any alcoholic beverages to the ceremony.

At exactly 9:00 am, the Chief Marshal of the University will give a nod to the Pipe Major, the pipe and drum corps will strike up the “Emory and Old Saint Andrews March,” and the procession will get underway. Graduates will enter the Quadrangle from seven different staging areas, followed by the faculty of the University and the Platform Party, including President Sterk, the commencement speaker, honorary degree recipients, deans, and members of the Board of Trustees. The rule of thumb for marching in the procession is simply to take the place assigned to you by a marshal and follow the person in front of you. Please do not skip seats. You will find a commencement program on your chair.

The all-schools ceremony will include the commencement address; awarding of honorary degrees and the Brittain, Scholar/Teacher, and Jefferson awards; and conferring of degrees en masse.

In Case of Bad Weather
Check the University’s website, or call the inclement weather hotline - 404-727-1234 - after 7:00 p.m. on Sunday for the status of Commencement activities scheduled for Monday. There are three options: the regular schedule; the heavy-rain schedule; or the severe-weather schedule depending on conditions and forecast. Both the heavy-rain and
severe-weather plans involve significant timing and venue changes. Family members should not schedule return travel plans until early evening on Commencement day in case the severe-weather plan is activated. Details about the Inclement Weather Plans can be found here.
How Graduates and Faculty Enter
The red arrows are Master’s graduates and then Faculty. The yellow arrows are Doctoral graduates.
How Master’s Graduates Walk to and Across the Stage
Red arrows represent Master’s graduates. The purple circle represents the marshal who reads the graduates’ names before they cross the stage. Green triangles represent the location of official photographers. Photos will be available for purchase.
How Doctoral Graduates and Faculty Walk to and Across the Stage

Red arrows are faculty. Yellow arrows are Doctoral graduates. The purple circle represents the marshal who reads the graduates’ names before they cross the stage. Green triangles represent the location of official photographers. Photos will be available for purchase.
How Graduates and Faculty Leave
The red arrows are Master’s graduates and then Faculty. Yellow arrows are Doctoral graduates.