Winter 2017 Graduates

Your first step is the Office of the University Registrar’s Graduation website. There you will find timelines, along with general and detailed information regarding the entire graduation process. The Degree Compliance (Graduation) website is at registrar.gmu.edu/graduation.

Please remember that your name will not appear in the printed graduation program if you have not applied to graduate before September 30, 2017. If you miss the application deadline, you must submit a Late Graduation Application, as described on the Graduation website. Remember, you must apply to graduate even if you do not plan to attend the graduation ceremony.

- 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 September 30, 2017.

Guest tickets are not required for the Winter Graduation ceremonies. Seating is open and available on a general admission basis. Doors will open one hour prior to the start of the ceremonies. It is advisable to arrive at that 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.

Special Needs Seating: 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. Ushers are stationed at each portal to assist with seating. Guests requiring special assistance may be seated with one other guest from their party in these easy-access rows. No advanced notice is necessary to use this seating option and, again, these seats are not ticketed or individually reservable.

- 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 graduation candidates should enter the EagleBank Arena through the lower level, east side loading dock entrance. Doors will open one hour prior to each ceremony. Faculty marshals will be on hand to guide graduates to their major field of study seating area.

www2.events.gmu.edu/winter-graduation
Winter Graduation Student Speaker Competition

All prospective graduates are invited to be considered for the honor of Winter 2017 Graduation student speaker. If you wish to be considered, you must submit your speech to the University Events Office no later than noon on Monday, November 13. Submissions will be reviewed by the Student Speaker Committee. Once preliminary selections are made, those chosen by the committee will be invited to orally present their speeches to the committee for final selection. Speeches should be able to be delivered in front of a large, live audience within a five- to seven-minute time-frame. Speeches that require more than seven minutes to be delivered will not be considered.

Please see the Winter Graduation website at www2.gmu.edu/winter-graduation for all details and deadlines.

Caps and Gowns

Graduation at Mason is a traditional ceremony where graduates and faculty wear caps and gowns. It is required that you wear the appropriate academic regalia. Regalia must be obtained from the George Mason 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.

Master’s Degree Recipients

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

- Arts—White
- Business—Drap
- Social Work—Citron
- Fine Arts—Brown
- Nursing—Apricot
- Engineering—Orange
- Science—Gold
- Health/Physical Education—Sage Green
- Public Administration/Policy—Peacock Blue

Please see information in this packet regarding the purchase of bachelor’s and master’s caps and gowns at the Winter Graduation Fair, Tuesday through Thursday, November 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, announcement, rings, and other items; have photo taken in regalia; and pick up Commencement information all in one location.

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

2017 Cap and Gown Prices (plus tax)

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

Personalized Announcements—Herff Jones

Announcements may be ordered at the Graduation Fair (four-week delivery) or online at www.herffjones.com/college/gmu (two-week delivery) payable to Herff Jones.

Diploma Frames/Framing Success/Churchill Classics

Diploma frames will be available for purchase. We will be having a Graduation Fair only special. Save the $25 shipping and handling fee plus 10 percent off the frame price. Payable to the George Mason Bookstore: gmu.bncollege.com.

Herff Jones College Rings

Here is your golden opportunity to save big on your Mason class ring! Special payment plans are available. Payable to Herff Jones. Discount is not available online: herffjones.com/college/gmu.

Balfour College Rings

Come to the Balfour table and take advantage of a special offer for Mason grads. Payable to Balfour. Special offer is not available online: www.balfour.com.

Photo Opportunities

A photographer will be on hand for cap and gown photos before graduation, December 21, starting at 9 a.m. and again at 1 p.m., at the EagleBank Arena. Photographers will be present at the graduation ceremonies to photograph the graduates.