



2019

**Congratulations! Class of 2019**

**Please read all information contained in this brochure.**

### May and August 2019 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](http://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 2019 graduation. If you have not done so, you should apply immediately. The deadline to apply online (Patriot Web) is **February 22, 2019**. 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, 2019**. Undergraduate and Master's **August graduation candidates** may participate in the spring ceremony. **August 2019 doctoral candidates** will participate in the Winter 2019 Graduation and are not eligible to participate in the spring 2019 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](http://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, 2019**.

### George Mason University Commencement

The 52nd annual George Mason University Spring Commencement is Friday, May 17, 2019, at 10 a.m. in EagleBank Arena. The complete schedule of all graduation ceremonies is inside.

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

- May 2019..... All Degrees
- August 2019..... Bachelor's and Master's Degrees

Graduates are requested to arrive promptly at 8:30 a.m. at Mason Pond Drive for assembly on May 17. EagleBank Arena's 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 [www2.gmu.edu/spring-graduation](http://www2.gmu.edu/spring-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  
University Marshal

Julie Gladbach  
University Events

Janette Muir  
Interim University Registrar

**Please plan to attend both the official university Commencement ceremony on Friday, May 17, at 10 a.m. in 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 15-18

College/School	Date	Time	Place
School of Integrative Studies (CHSS)	Wednesday, May 15	10 a.m.	Concert Hall
College of Science	Wednesday, May 15	2 p.m.	EagleBank Arena
College of Health and Human Services	Thursday, May 16	10 a.m.	EagleBank Arena
College of Visual and Performing Arts	Thursday, May 16	1:30 p.m.	Concert Hall
Volgenau School of Engineering	Thursday, May 16	2 p.m.	EagleBank Arena
School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution	Thursday, May 16	6 p.m.	Concert Hall
Schar School of Policy and Government	Thursday, May 16	7 p.m.	EagleBank Arena
<b>COMMENCEMENT 2019</b> <i>(LINEUP STARTS AT 8:30 a.m., Mason Pond Drive. Graduate Procession into EagleBank Arena scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. No tickets required with overflow seating available in Concert Hall.)</i>	<b>Friday, May 17</b>	<b>10 a.m.</b>	<b>EagleBank Arena</b>
School of Recreation, Health, and Tourism (CEHD)	Friday, May 17	2 p.m.	Concert Hall
College of Humanities and Social Sciences I*	Friday, May 17	3 p.m.	EagleBank Arena
College of Humanities and Social Sciences II **	Friday, May 17	7:30 p.m.	EagleBank Arena
Graduate School of Education (CEHD)	Saturday, May 18	10 a.m.	EagleBank Arena
Antonin Scalia Law School	Saturday, May 18	1 p.m.	Concert Hall
School of Business	Saturday, May 18	2 p.m.	EagleBank Arena

**\* 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 Languages (BA, MA)  
 Global Affairs (BA, MA)

History (BA, MA, PhD)

*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)  
 Writing and Rhetoric (PhD)

**\*\* CHSS II Majors:**

Anthropology (BA, MA)  
 Criminal Justice (MS)  
 Criminology, Law and Society (BA, BS, MA, PhD)  
 Economics (BA, BS, MA, PhD)  
 Psychology (BA, BS, MA, PhD)  
 Sociology (BA, MA, PhD)

• *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 195,000 Mason alumni at **alumni.gmu.edu**.*

*Graduates, families, and guests are invited to the Grad Toast Celebration event on Friday, May 17, 5-6:30 p.m. (Toast time: 6 p.m.). Register today at **alumni.gmu.edu/May19Toast***

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

### Commencement— Friday, May 17, 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 2019 delivers address. Visit [www2.gmu.edu/spring-graduation](http://www2.gmu.edu/spring-graduation) 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.**
- 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.

Each Spring 2019 ceremony is expected to last approximately two hours. This includes the university-wide Commencement ceremony on Friday morning and all other degree celebrations held for the various colleges. All graduates and their guests are asked to stay for the entire ceremony for any event they attend.

If you choose to attend the live Commencement ceremony at EagleBank Arena, please show respect and dignity to your faculty, your fellow graduates, and their families by remaining for the entire event. It is not appropriate or acceptable at this venue to walk out before all graduates attending have been recognized and the ceremony has officially ended.

*If you or your family are not able to stay for the entire Commencement, please go to the Concert Hall to watch the broadcast of the live ceremony. You may leave whenever necessary from that venue.*

### Guest Attendance Information for Commencement Ceremony, May 17, 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 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 that do not require 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 Mason Pond Drive for the processional lineup. Doctoral candidates should meet in the Concert Hall Lobby for lineup.*

**IMPORTANT:** *Graduates, for security reasons, be prepared to present your Mason ID or provide your G number when you arrive at Mason Pond Drive 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 EagleBank Arena's security policy found at [www.eaglebankarena.com/article/security-policy](http://www.eaglebankarena.com/article/security-policy). Check regularly for updates and additional information at [www2.gmu.edu/spring-graduation](http://www2.gmu.edu/spring-graduation).*

### Master's Degree Recipients

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

Arts - White	Health/Physical Education - Sage Green
Education - Light Blue	Public Administration/Policy - Peacock Blue
Music - Pink	Fine Arts - Brown
Public Health - Salmon	Nursing - Apricot
Business - Drab	Engineering - Orange
Social Work - Citron	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 5–7, 2019**. 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.

### 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.

### 2019 Cap and Gown Prices (plus tax)

Bachelor Keeper Outfit (cap, gown, and tassel).....\$69.98  
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 5-7, 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 5-7, 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 photos 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 [gmubncollege.com](http://gmubncollege.com) for details.

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

#### Personalized Announcements

**Herff Jones:** [herffjones.com/college/gmu](http://herffjones.com/college/gmu)

**Balfour:** [balfour.com](http://balfour.com)

**Diploma Frames/Framing Success/Churchill Classics:**  
[gmubncollege.com](http://gmubncollege.com)

#### College Rings

**Herff Jones:** [herffjones.com/college/gmu](http://herffjones.com/college/gmu)

**Balfour:** [balfour.com](http://balfour.com)

### Photo Opportunities

A photographer will be on hand for cap and gown photos before Commencement, May 17, starting at 8:30 a.m. at Mason Pond Drive and again after the ceremony near the George Mason statue. Photographers will be present at all degree celebration events to photograph the ceremonies.



# Congratulations!

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## Guest Parking

All parking lots on campus are available for guest parking. Handicapped and special-assistance parking is available in Lot A adjacent to EagleBank Arena's 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, [gmu.bncollege.com](http://gmu.bncollege.com)  
Caps and gowns, announcements, Graduation Fair

## Commencement Website

[www2.gmu.edu/spring-graduation](http://www2.gmu.edu/spring-graduation)

*Check this website for all event information and updates, including information on the competition to represent the Class of 2019 as the Commencement student speaker.*

## Hotel Accommodations for Guests

### Area Hotels

[www2.gmu.edu/about-mason/coming-campus](http://www2.gmu.edu/about-mason/coming-campus)

(Some offer special Mason rates.)

- ▶ Best Western (Fairfax City)  
Route 123 at I-66  
3535 Chain Bridge Road  
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](http://gmutv.gmu.edu/commencement).

## 2019 Senior Portraits

Session information is available at [studentmedia.gmu.edu/services/senior-portraits](http://studentmedia.gmu.edu/services/senior-portraits).