May and August 2020 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 2020 graduation. If you have not done so, you should apply immediately. The deadline to apply online (Patriot Web) is February 22, 2020. 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, 2020. Undergraduate and Master’s August graduation candidates may participate in the spring ceremony. August 2020 doctoral candidates will participate in the Winter 2020 Graduation and are not eligible to participate in the spring 2020 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, 2020.

George Mason University Commencement

The 53rd annual George Mason University Spring Commencement is Friday, May 15, 2020, 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 2020: All Degrees
August 2020: 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 15. 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. 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

Doug McKenna
University Registrar
Please plan to attend both the official university Commencement ceremony on Friday, May 15, 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 13–16

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* 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)
  - Higher Education and Student Development (MA)

**CHSS II Majors:**
  - 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)
  - Russian and Eurasian Studies (BA)
  - Russian 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)
  - Human Development and Family Science (BA)
  - Psychology (BA, BS, MA, PhD)
  - Sociology (BA, MA, PhD)

School of Integrative Studies graduates may attend both the SIS and the CHSS degree celebrations.

* Graduates, families, and guests are invited to the Grad Toast Celebration event on Friday, May 15, 5–6:30 p.m. (Toast time: 6 p.m.). Register today at alumni.gmu.edu/May20Toast
What’s the difference between Commencement and the Degree Celebrations?

**Commencement—**
**Friday, May 15, 10 a.m., EagleBank Arena**

The entire university community is invited to this formal event at which degrees are ceremonially conferred by the university president.

- Ceremony begins with a graduate procession through campus. The procession begins moving at 9:30 a.m.
- An official university guest speaker delivers the Commencement address.
- A selected student speaker representing the Class of 2020 delivers an address. Visit www2.gmu.edu/spring-graduation for entry details.
- The 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 the schedule on the 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 2020 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.

**Guest Attendance Information for Commencement Ceremony, May 15, 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 is available 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 provide easy access seating that does 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. Check regularly for updates and additional information at 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
- Education - Light Blue
- Music - Pink
- Public Health - Salmon
- Business - Drab
- Social Work - Citron
- Health/Physical Education - Sage Green
- Public Administration/Policy - Peacock Blue
- Fine Arts - Brown
- Nursing - Apricot
- Engineering - Orange
- 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 3–5, 2020. Antonin Scalia Law School and Schar School of Policy and Government graduates may order caps, gowns, tassels, and announcements through the Arlington Campus Bookstore.

**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.

**2020 Cap and Gown Prices (plus tax)**

- Bachelor Keeper Outfit (cap, gown, and tassel)......$70.98
- Master Keeper Outfit (cap, gown, tassel, and hood)......$114.98
- Doctoral Rental Outfit (cap, gown, tassel, and hood)...$164.98

For those who will be unable to attend the Graduation Fair or decide to participate in graduation after the fair on March 3–5, you will be able to purchase your regalia at any Mason bookstore or online at gmu.shopoakhall.com on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Graduation Fair**

For your convenience, the University Bookstore will sponsor a Graduation Fair Tuesday through Thursday, March 3–5, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Johnson Center’s Dewberry Hall on the 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 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: herffjones.com/college/gmu
- Balfour: balfour.com

**Diploma Frames/Framing Success/Churchill Classics**

- University Bookstore: gmu.bncollege.com

**College Rings**

- Herff Jones: herffjones.com/college/gmu
- Balfour: balfour.com

**Photo Opportunities**

A photographer will be on hand for cap and gown photos before Commencement, May 15, 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
Caps and gowns, announcements, Graduation Fair

Hotel Accommodations for Guests

Area Hotels
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, Virginia 22030
703-591-5500
➤ Comfort Inn University Center
11180 Main Street
Fairfax, Virginia 22030
703-591-5900
➤ Marriott Fairfax at Fair Oaks
11787 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway
Fairfax, Virginia 22033
703-352-2525
➤ Hyatt Fair Lakes
12777 Fair Lakes Circle
Fairfax, Virginia 22030
703-818-1234/800-233-1234
➤ Holiday Inn Express
10327 Fairfax Boulevard
Fairfax, Virginia 22030
703-359-2888
➤ Spring Hill Suites by Marriott
Fairfax/Fair Oaks
11191 Waples Mill Road
Fairfax, Virginia 22030
703-691-7800

Commencement Videos
Commencement videos are available at gmutv.gmu.edu/commencement.

2020 Senior Portraits
Session information is available at studentmedia.gmu.edu/services/senior-portraits.

Commencement Website
www2.gmu.edu/spring-graduation
Check this website for all event information and updates, including information on the competition to represent the Class of 2020 as the Commencement student speaker.