Drop-Off Area For People with Disabilities

There will be a drop-off area for guests and students with mobility impairment concerns in front of the Tubby Graves Building. The drop-off area can only be accessed from the northbound lanes of Montlake Blvd. Those dropping off guests can then proceed on to their parking lots.

Please note that after the ceremony this area will be closed for approximately 30 minutes until the traffic has dissipated. This is done for the safety of our guests. If you need to pick someone up at this location please allow for the extra time.

Commencement Program

Only those students who received degrees Summer 2018, Autumn 2018, Winter 2019, and the candidates of Spring 2019 are named in this year’s Commencement Program. If you are receiving a degree during Summer Quarter 2019, your name will be listed in the following year’s Commencement Program. Please contact the Office of Ceremonies to request a copy of next year’s program.

Commencement Apparel

All gowns are fastened in the front. Mortarboards should be adjusted to remain level on your head and your tassel should hang on the left side at all times.

If you have a problem or question regarding your apparel, please contact the Office of Ceremonies at (206) 543-2592. Oak Hall will have booths in the lining up areas on Commencement Day, to address any last minute needs or confusions about how to wear your apparel.

Conduct Appropriate to the Ceremony

By participating in Commencement you agree to observe the following guidelines during the ceremony.

Commencement is intended to be a festive occasion celebrating the accomplishments of our students. However, it is also ceremonial. Students are expected to remain in their seats during the entire ceremony, unless utilizing the restrooms (inside the NW tunnel). Students are required to be in their seats for the address by our commencement speaker. (Restrooms will be closed at this time.) Wandering around the floor of the stadium and visiting with guests in the stands is prohibited.

Cell phones are permitted, but out of courtesy for other participants, students are asked to make judicious use of phones and not use them during the formal speaking portions of the ceremony.

It is particularly important that students respect their fellow students and the faculty, administrators and guests who have come to witness and participate in the conferring of their degrees. For this reason graduates are expected to return to their seats after they walk and remain there until all students have walked and the members of the stage party have exited the stage. Please plan post-ceremony activities accordingly.

Alcohol Policy

Alcohol is prohibited in Husky Stadium and the Lining Up areas. Students in possession of alcoholic beverages in the Commencement lineup area or transporting alcoholic beverages into the stadium will have the beverage confiscated. Drunk or disorderly behavior may result in legal citation or arrest. You are asked to respect the dignity of the Commencement Ceremony and comply with the provisions cited here.

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Conferring of Degrees—Walk to the Stage

- Master candidates will be seated in the second section of seats. The dean of the Graduate School will ask candidates to rise for the conferring of degrees. Remain standing while degrees are conferred.
- Faculty marshals will then direct you to the stage.
- A photo card will be included in a packet on your seat. Fill it out and take it with you to hand to the photographers before you go up to the stage.
- Go across the stage. Accept your diploma memento with your left hand and shake hands with your right hand. Please be aware that your picture will be taken as you receive your memento.
- Return to your seat via the center ramps and aisle and sit down. The marshals will help direct you. Students are expected to remain in their seats until the completion of the recessional.

Recessional

After all degrees have walked, the graduating class rises for the singing of the school song. Graduates are to remain standing at their seats until all the members of the stage party have left the stage and cleared the field.

When the ceremonial (classical) music has ended and pop music begins, you are dismissed. Family and friends are welcome to join you outside the stadium but they are not permitted on the field.