CEREMONY INSTRUCTIONS
Check in at 12:30
All graduates will line up on the Outdoor Practice Field (east of Husky Stadium.) Purple ticket holders check in at the purple entrance to the field. Gold ticket holders check in at the gold entrance.

Present both your ticket and your Husky card or state-issued photo ID. Be prepared to open your gowns for visual inspection. No backpacks allowed. Students are encouraged to not bring bags, purses, etc., as there is no secure location to store them and they are not allowed on the stadium field.

You may not change your line-up area unless given permission by the Office of Ceremonies.

Lining up
Line up behind the “MASTER” banner (see diagram) in four parallel lines. If you wish to sit beside someone during the ceremony, you should march behind or in front of one another.

Procession - 1:30
Faculty marshals will direct you during the procession. Follow their instructions and do not step out of your line. The procession will move from the east (stage) end of the stadium to the west end. Faculty marshals will then direct you down the proper aisles, back toward the stage, and into your seating row. Move to the end of the row and immediately sit down so as not to impede the seating of others. Please stay out of the center aisle until the deans and president’s parties have entered. Academic caps may be removed while candidates are seated, but must be worn while standing. Caps should be removed during the playing of the “Star-Spangled Banner.”

If you arrive late you will need to fall in at the end of the procession. Once the procession has begun there is no further opportunity for anyone to join his or her proper group.

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.