

SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2019
11:00 a.m.
PROCESSIONAL/CEREMONY/RECESSIONAL INSTRUCTIONS

CAP AND GOWN:

9:00–10:15 a.m. Pick-up cap, gown and hood in room near the Ballroom (Staff will guide you upon arrival)

PROCESSIONAL:

It is suggested that you use the restroom before lining up for the processional.

10:30 a.m. Line up in numerical order, according to the place card you are given along with your cap and gown.

11:00 a.m. The faculty will begin the procession at 11:00 a.m. Walk with an arms-length space between you. Follow the faculty into the Ballroom. The faculty will sit in the front two rows, and students will fill in the rows behind them. When the processional is complete, the music will end and the invocation will begin. **Faculty and graduates remain standing until after the invocation.** Once seated, please respect the solemnity of this occasion by remaining in your chair until called.

CEREMONY:

Students are called in numerical order and grouped in programs/tracks to receive their diploma case. Feel free to pause at the podium and briefly pose for your admirers to take a photo of you on stage.

After completion of the ceremony, the audience will be invited to stand and congratulate the graduates.

RECESSIONAL:

After the commencement ceremony, faculty will lead the recessional out to the Plaza where light refreshments will be served.

RETURN GOWNS:

Before going to the reception, return your cap, gown and hood to the room in which you received it. Once you've turned them in, you will find representatives from the Registrar's Office ready to hand you your diploma.

RECEPTION:

The reception will take place outside on the Upper Rotunda, across from the shores. Light snacks and beverages will be served.