

MAY 2021 Degree Candidates

GRADUATION 101

Virtual Information Session

Learn about the commencement ceremony, awarding degrees, diplomas, and so much more!

Thursday, April 1, 2021
5:30 PM on Zoom

Winthrop University | Division of Academic Affairs | The Graduate School
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WHAT WILL MAY 2021 COMMENCEMENT LOOK LIKE?

- The May 2021 Commencement ceremony will be a celebration for students that have successfully completed all of their graduation requirements.
- All May 2021 Degree Applicants are invited to attend commencement.
- Diplomas will be mailed out 1-2 weeks after degrees are awarded.



GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

-DATE & TIME -

Winthrop University will hold the
GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY
to celebrate the achievement of our
May 2021 Degree Candidates on

Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 7:00 PM
Winthrop Coliseum

REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMENCEMENT

COMMENCEMENT REGISTRATION SURVEY

was emailed Friday, March 26th



MAY 2021 GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY REGISTRATION

Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 7:00 PM

All eligible May 2021 candidates who plan to attend the May commencement ceremony are required to register by April 9 so tickets can be distributed directly to each graduate.

COMMENCEMENT REGISTRATION SURVEY

- Once you receive the email, complete the **REGISTRATION**:
 - to verify participation at the commencement ceremony
 - to confirm TWO tickets for your guests
 - to provide the pronunciation of your name
 - to indicate if you or your invited guests need accessibility
- The deadline to **REGISTER** is Friday, April 9, 2021.

COMMENCEMENT TICKET INFORMATION

- **TWO TICKETS** will be distributed electronically after April 15th to each degree candidate who confirms their participation in their ceremony.
- Each degree candidate will receive an email with the link to the digital **TICKETS** that can either be displayed on a phone or printed out.
- Winthrop Staff will use **scanners to verify the tickets** upon entry to the coliseum.
- Guest seating will be spread out and will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.



GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES

- INVITED GUESTS -

- Doors will open **ONE HOUR** prior to the ceremony (6 pm).
- Guests will enter the Coliseum through the upper concourse level.
- We ask that all guests be seated no later than 20 minutes before the ceremony.
- Please ask your guests not to prolong their applause or cheering during the ceremony – we want every graduate's name to be heard.
- Balloons and balloon bouquets are not allowed in the arena as they may obstruct the view of other guests. Consider leaving these items in your car or having a member of your party wait outside until the ceremony concludes.

GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

- LIVESTREAM-

- The commencement ceremony will be **video streamed** on the Winthrop Website for the convenience of family and friends that cannot be in attendance.
- There will be a link on the Winthrop University homepage on the day of Commencement to the stream and instructions for optimal viewing <https://www.winthrop.edu/>
- Recordings of the livestream will be archived and available for viewing on YouTube the week after the ceremony.



GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

— SPECIAL ASSISTANCE —

- If you or your guest(s) require an auxiliary aid or service identified in the Americans with Disabilities Act, please let us know when you respond to the COMMENCEMENT REGISTRATION SURVEY.
- These individuals should plan to arrive prior to 6:30 PM for the 7 PM commencement ceremony.
- A sign language interpreter will be at the ceremony.

ORDERING YOUR CAP & GOWN

WHERE TO ORDER:

Order your Graduation Regalia:

<https://winthrop.shopoakhalli.com/purchasewizard/Welcome>

Graduation Regalia ordering deadline:

April 14, 2021

EST. PRICE:

- \$104.00 without tax (Masters gown, hood, cap and tassel)
- Questions about ordering regalia or announcements call Winthrop Bookstore (Barnes & Nobles) 803-323-3800



COMMENCEMENT REGALIA

- WHAT TO WEAR -

- ✓ Please wear comfortable business attire. Do not wear flip-flops, as this may be potentially dangerous.
- ✓ All degree candidates must wear commencement academic regalia during the Commencement ceremony. Please arrive dressed in your cap, gown, hood, & tassel.
- ✓ **Caps may not be decorated.** Any caps that are decorated will be taken away.
- ✓ Degree candidates may wear only cords and stoles from Winthrop honor societies and student organizations.





HELP KEEP YOURSELF & OTHERS **SAFE+HEALTHY** AT COMMENCEMENT

To ensure the health and safety of the degree candidates, guests and University personnel, the following measures will be in effect during the commencement ceremony:

- **SOCIAL DISTANCING:**

- As in previous years, floor seating of the Winthrop Coliseum will be utilized, but with **seating much more widely spaced for degree candidates.**
- TWO guests will be able to attend per degree candidate. Appropriate **social distancing between groups of guests will be strictly enforced** inside the arena.

- **FACE MASKS:**

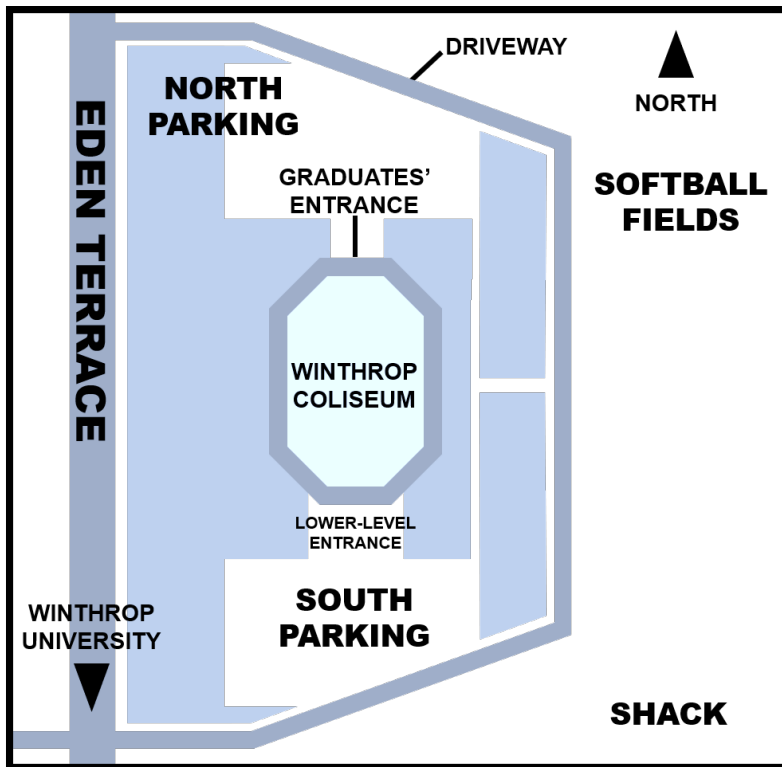
- Degree Candidates and guests will be required to **wear face masks** at all times while inside the coliseum.

- **DISINFECT & SANITIZE**

- Hand sanitizers will be available throughout the coliseum for degree candidates, guests and staff.

GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

- LOCATION & PARKING -



Commencement will take place at the Winthrop Coliseum at 1162 Eden Terrace, Rock Hill, SC 29730.

Degree candidates should park in the north parking lot. Campus Police will help direct you to the nearest available parking space.

Degree candidates must enter the coliseum through the north tunnel for check-in.

COMMENCEMENT DAY

- WHAT NOT TO BRING -

Do not bring anything 'extra' with you to check-in, as no storage will be provided for your items.

Do not bring anything that you cannot put in your pocket. If you bring a purse, make sure that it has a strap so that you can wear it under your gown if necessary.

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- CHECK-IN AREA-

Degree Candidates will need to CHECK-IN before the ceremony.
Check-in will begin at 6:15 pm.

CHECK-IN is located just inside the north entrance/north tunnel of the Winthrop Coliseum.

****Degree candidates MUST come dressed in their academic caps, gowns, and hoods. ****

COMMENCEMENT DAY

- REGALIA -

Instructions for wearing the Academic Hood

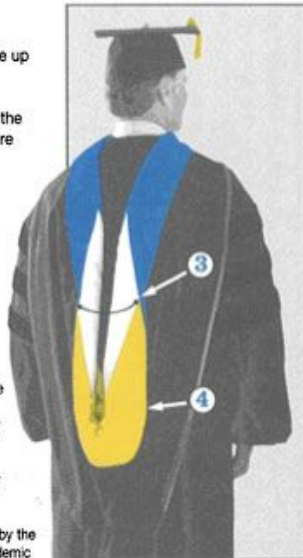
Congratulations! You have earned your degree and the right to wear the academic hood.

The academic hood is a visual representation of your level of academic achievement and the scholastic degree being conferred.

This hood has been designed within the guidelines established by the Intercollegiate Bureau Of Academic Costume.

The following instructions are designed to assist you in the proper way to wear the hood.

1. Put hood on over head with velvet side up and with small tapered end in front.
2. If hood has a cord and button, attach the hood neck cord over shirt button before closing gown, to prevent hood from riding against neck.
3. Obtain assistance to secure cord across the back to keep the back of hood together.
4. Obtain assistance to turn out lining colors as illustrated in picture.



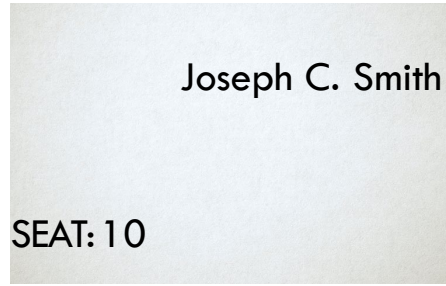
VELVET/VELVETEN TRIM
- represents learning discipline
LINING
- represents college/university conferring degree.
CHEVRON
- represents college/university conferring degree.
BLACK SHIELD
- traditional color determined by the Intercollegiate Bureau Of Academic Costume.

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Watch this video for tips on how to wear the hood and have it properly fashioned.

<https://youtu.be/eqgMMrRnMOE>

-CHECK-IN & NAME CARD-



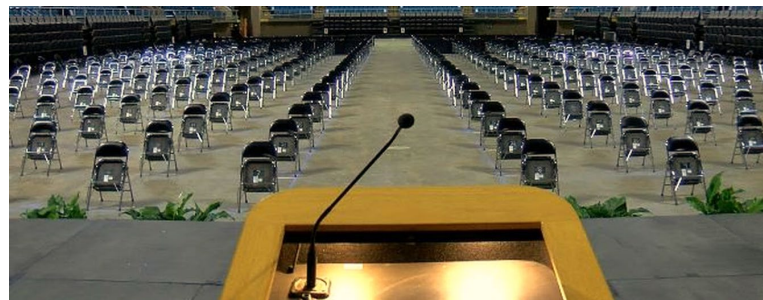
- At check-in, you will receive a **NAME CARD** that lists your name and seat number. Do not lose or alter this card. This card is used to read your name as you walk across the stage.
- The name on your card will be read aloud during the ceremony.
- If your name is difficult to pronounce, be sure to provide the pronunciation of your name when you REGISTER to participate at commencement.
- If you believe the information printed is incorrect, please bring this to the attention of the staff at the check-in area.

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- DEGREE CANDIDATE SEATING-

FIND YOUR SEAT:

- *After receiving their name card, candidates should proceed to the floor seating of the Winthrop Coliseum to find their seat/seat number that is noted on the name card.*
- *Degree Candidates should remain in their seat in order to facilitate the timely beginning of the ceremony.*
- *The Commencement ceremony will begin promptly on the hour.*



Most importantly... **DO NOT LOSE OR ALTER YOUR NAME CARD!**

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- AWARDING OF DEGREES-

Academic Deans will present the degree candidates from their respective colleges to the Provost.

The Student Marshals will usher the degree candidates to the stage. Degree candidates will approach the stage in a socially distanced line.

As the degree candidates approach the stage, they should hold their reader cards in their right hand. When they reach the top of the ramp leading to the stage, students will give their name cards to the reader.

When their name is announced, they will cross the stage.

Due to health and safety concerns, facial masks must remain on at all times and there will be no handshake and no hooding.

PHOTOGRAPHY BY LIFETOUCH



- ❖ Professional photographers from Lifetouch will be taking photos during the Commencement ceremony.
- ❖ TWO photos will be taken of each degree candidate.
- ❖ Lifetouch will contact graduates after the ceremony with ordering information.
- ❖ Photos will be available for purchase online.
- ❖ Guests may take their own photos and videos of the ceremony but shall not block the aisles or the view of other guests.
- ❖ No group gatherings inside the coliseum for pictures or pictures near the stage area will be permitted.

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

- THE END OF THE CEREMONY-

- Once the commencement ceremony has finished, all degree candidates and guests will be directed by the Student Marshals to MOVE OUTSIDE.
- Degree candidates should make arrangements with guests to meet in a designated area OUTSIDE the coliseum.
- NO GROUP GATHERINGS after the ceremony inside the coliseum and no pictures near the stage area will be permitted.

ALL DIPLOMAS WILL BE MAILED



- Your diploma will be mailed approximately 1-2 weeks after your Commencement.
- Diplomas will be mailed to your permanent address.
- Please be sure that your permanent address is up to date on Wingspan.

IF YOU HAVE AN ACCOUNT BALANCE

- NO DIPLOMA -

If you have a balance, you will receive e-mails (labeled 'YOU HAVE A BALANCE') alerting you of the balance owed on your account.

Be sure to keep an eye on your account! Last-minute charges can be added to your account for things such as traffic tickets, printing charges, etc., so be sure to check your account frequently in April and beginning of May.

(Wingspan > Account Summary and Payments > View Statement)

PAY BALANCE BY

MAY

3rd

IF YOU HAVE AN ACCOUNT BALANCE - NO DIPLOMA -

Friday, April 23rd... last day for e-checks and personal checks. Student Financial Services is required to hold your diploma and transcripts until the check clears our bank. This might not be until AFTER graduation!

Monday, May 3rd... last day to pay only in cleared funds (debit/credit card, cashier's check from your bank, money order, or cash).

IF YOU HAVE A REMAINING BALANCE AFTER May 3rd... a DIPLOMA HOLD will be placed on your account. Your diploma and transcripts will be held until all balances are paid in full and your payment clears the bank.

If you have any questions or concerns about your account, please contact:

Student Financial Services

21 Tillman Hall

803/323-2165

sfs@winthrop.edu

QUESTIONS?

- CONTACT US! -

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