COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS
Graduation Exercises 9:00 a.m., Monday, May 15, 2017
Thomas K. Hearn Jr., Plaza

GUESTS

**PARKING:** Parking information and maps can be found at [http://commencement.wfu.edu/graduation-exercises/parking/](http://commencement.wfu.edu/graduation-exercises/parking/). Note that all cars, including students, must have a **parking pass** to enter campus.

**SEATING:** Tickets are **required** for this ceremony and must be ordered from the commencement website [http://www.wfu.edu/commencement/](http://www.wfu.edu/commencement/). The deadline to order tickets is **May 1st**. Guests are seated on a first-come basis.

**WHEELCHAIR SEATING:** There will be designated seating for our Special Needs guests on Hearn Plaza near the crosswalk on the Zick’s side of the plaza. This seating is for guests in wheelchairs and for those who have difficulty walking. More information for guests with special needs can be found at [http://commencement.wfu.edu/graduation-exercises/special-needs/](http://commencement.wfu.edu/graduation-exercises/special-needs/)

GRADUATES

**SECURITY:** Please check the website [http://www.wfu.edu/commencement/](http://www.wfu.edu/commencement/) for security updates.

**WHEN TO ASSEMBLE:** Arrive no later than 8:00 a.m.

**WHERE TO ASSEMBLE:** In the parking lot between Davis and Taylor residence halls (between Subway and the bookstore). Marshals will help direct you to your degree group. Placement cards are not needed.

**WHAT TO WEAR:** All graduates will wear their caps, gowns and hoods to the ceremony. Light, comfortable clothing is recommended along with low heels. Also, candidates should not carry anything in their hands during the ceremony. Leave purses and other personal belongings with your guests. Please be sure to turn off your cell phone before you enter the plaza.

**ABSENTEES:** Students who plan to graduate in absentia must notify the Graduate School Office immediately.

**PROCESSIONAL:** The marshals will direct your degree group to seats. Leave no vacant seats in the row. Remain standing until after the invocation.

**CONFERRING DEGREES:** The Ph.D. degrees will be conferred first. All doctoral students will be asked to stand and remain standing at their seat. The President will then confer the degree to this group. Each of the Master's degree groups will follow and be conferred in the same manner. Individual names will not be announced nor will our graduates walk across the stage.

TRANSMIGRATION

**REGALIA & DIPLOMAS:** All students may keep their regalia. Diplomas will be mailed to the graduation address provided on your Statement of Intent to Graduate form. You can expect to receive it in approximately 4 – 6 weeks.

RAIN PLAN

If rain seems a possibility at 7:00 a.m. Monday, announcements will be made on local radio and TV stations for the rain plan schedule. Commencement will be at 9:30 a.m. in the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum. You must be in your degree group by 8:30 a.m.

**WHERE TO ASSEMBLE:** After entering the main entrance of the coliseum, line up in the hallways as directed by the marshals. There will be signs directing you to your degree group. You will line up with your degree group in a single file line, proceed to the floor of the coliseum for the ceremony, after which you will recess to where you started, following the marshals. The ceremony will take place as during the regular plan.