

Commencement Ceremony Instructions

**Tickets are required for all guests
over the age of two.**

March 31, 2016

Dear Graduation Candidate,

The University of Denver undergraduate spring Commencement Ceremony will be held in the Magness Arena of the Daniel L. Ritchie Center, located at 2201 East Asbury Avenue. Commencement will take place on Saturday, June 4, 2016 at 9:30 a.m., and will last approximately two hours. Participation is optional. Students participating in the commencement ceremonies are required to wear the University of Denver's designated academic regalia of cap and gown. Following the commencement ceremony, a reception will be held for graduating students and their guests, weather permitting, outside of the Ritchie Center.

What: Undergraduate Spring Commencement Ceremony.

Who: Graduates of autumn 2015, winter 2016, and candidates for spring 2016.

When: Saturday, June 4, 2016.

Where: Magness Arena at the DU Ritchie Center.

Time: The Commencement Ceremony begins at 9:30 a.m.

- **Report to Hamilton Gymnasium NO LATER THAN 8:30 a.m.** Entry will be permitted through the west doors only (across from the Peter Barton Lacrosse Stadium).
- Members of the audience should be seated by 9:15 a.m. No seating will take place during the procession.
- Academic Procession begins at 9:30 a.m.
- A reception will be held immediately following the ceremony for graduating students and guests.

Attire: All participants are required to wear the appropriate academic regalia.

IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS FOLLOW:

Please note: This letter does not certify clearance for graduation. Candidates for degrees are responsible for successful completion of work in progress, removal of incomplete grades and clearance of any other academic issues affecting graduation. Graduating students are not excused from classes or final examinations.

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Grad Fair

When: Thursday, June 2

Where: Hamilton Gymnasium, Ritchie Center

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Cost: Bachelor (cap, gown, stole, tassel): \$46.00 (includes sales tax)

Cap and gown rentals on Friday, June 3, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. have been reserved for out-of-town students only. All gowns must be returned to tables in Hamilton Gymnasium immediately after commencement. Graduates are welcome to keep their mortarboards and tassels as souvenirs. Persons interested in purchasing regalia, please contact the Willsie Company representative, [Diane Phillips](#), at 720.273.7729.

Honor cords from University-approved honors organizations are the only adornments permitted with academic regalia.

Distribution of Tickets for Guests

Tickets for guests will be distributed at the Grad Fair. Five tickets will be allocated to each graduate. Additional tickets will be distributed throughout the entirety of the fair. Please feel free to attend the fair at your convenience. *In nearly all cases, we are very happy and able to accommodate students' additional ticket needs*, so if you wish to invite more than five friends and family members, you may do so.

Ceremony Procedures & Conduct

Participants should report in cap and gown to Hamilton Gymnasium no later than 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 4, 2016. Leave bags, purses and other large items with friends or family. We do not have a secure place to store any items you bring with you, so please plan ahead. Locate the sign indicating your school and degree. You will be given a card with your name, which you will later hand to the reader as you walk onto the stage. Please indicate phonetic pronunciation on the card. Each degree is arranged in alphabetical order, as the names of students will be read. You will proceed across the stage to be greeted by the chancellor and provost and to receive a diploma case. The tassel on your cap is worn on the right front side until the degree is conferred. Gentlemen should remove their caps during the national anthem and invocation.

Commencement is a formal ceremony in which the University honors its graduates. It is considered inappropriate for food or alcoholic beverages to be present. We expect that students will fully comply with the University's Honor Code. Disturbances to the Ceremony will not be tolerated. Any individual involved in disruptive actions will be removed from the ceremony and any interference will be appropriately handled through the Office of Citizenship and Community Standards.

Diploma Cover/Diploma

A diploma cover will be handed to degree candidates as they cross the stage during the ceremony.

It is very important that you verify your mailing address and hold status at <http://pioneerweb.du.edu>. Any past due obligations (parking tickets, library fines, tuition accounts past due, exit interviews for loans, et cetera) will hold your diploma. Your diploma will be mailed to your current *mailing* address. Your current address information and hold status may be viewed by clicking on the "Student" tab. **Your diploma will be mailed six to eight weeks after graduation.**

Class Rings and Announcements for Graduation

Information regarding the purchase of graduation announcements, diploma frames, and class rings is available through the University Bookstore. Direct questions concerning these items to the Bookstore at 303.871.3251.

Financial Aid and Bursar's Office Exit Interviews

Graduating students who have borrowed a Federal Direct or Direct loan while attending the University of Denver are required to complete exit counseling online at www.StudentLoans.gov.

Graduating students who have borrowed a federal Perkins loan at DU are required to schedule an exit interview with the Bursar's Office. The Bursar's Office can be reached at 303.871.4901.

Both the Office of Financial Aid and the Bursar's Office will send detailed information.

Post-Graduation Plans

The U. S. Department of Education requires the University of Denver to gather information on the plans of its graduates. At the time you receive your cap and gown, you will be asked to complete a form on employment and/or graduate school plans. If you are not participating in commencement, please complete the [survey online](#).
