SET GRADUATE HOODING FAQ

Event Details

School of Engineering & Technology (SET) Graduate Hooding Ceremony
Monday, June 9, 2025

Student Check-In: 2PM – 2:30PM
Cherry-Parkes (CP) Lobby

Ceremony: 3PM – 5PM
William-Phillip Hall (WPH)

[SET Graduate Hooding Ceremony RSVP Form](#)

Who is eligible to participate in the SET Graduate Hooding Ceremony?

Students who graduated in Autumn Quarter 2024, Winter Quarter 2025, or who will graduate in Spring or Summer Quarter 2025 from the following graduate programs:

- MS in Computer Science & Systems (MSCSS)
- MS in Electrical & Computer Engineering (MSECE)
- Master of Cybersecurity & Leadership (MCL)
- PhD in Computer Science & Systems (CSS PhD)

Arrival & Check-In

Student check-in will be 2PM – 2:30PM in the Cherry-Parkes (CP) main lobby.

Students who check-in later than 2:45PM will not be permitted to sit with their cohort or participate in the ceremony. *No exceptions will be made.*

Students will have access to Milgard (MLG 110) to put on their academic regalia and to line up with their cohorts before processing into WPH. This room will not be locked so students are encouraged to leave their personal items, such as purses and backpacks, with their guests.

Academic Regalia

Students are required to wear their full academic regalia. [Visit the "Cap and Gown" section of UW Tacoma Commencement website for ordering instructions.](#)

Students will proceed into the Hooding Ceremony (WPH) from Milgard 110 (MLG 110) promptly at 3PM.

Students will wear their gowns, caps, and any tassels, stoles, and/or cords.

Students will carry their hoods into the Hooding Ceremony. Remember: your faculty will formally "hood" you at the ceremony.

We recommend that students remove their academic regalia, tassels, hoods, and/or stoles from the plastic packaging prior to arriving on campus for the ceremony.

How do I RSVP?

Complete the required [SET Graduate Hooding Ceremony RSVP Form](#) by **Tuesday, May 27 at 11:59PM PDT.**

What happens if I miss the RSVP deadline?

Due to space limitations and program planning, late RSVPs for the Hooding Ceremony may not be accepted.

How many guests can I bring?

Each student may bring a **maximum of two (2) guests. _We are strictly enforcing this limit._**

Due to university fire code regulations and the room capacity for WPH, **no exceptions will be made.**

Please note that Commencement, which is held at the Tacoma Dome, does not have a guest limit. We strongly encourage all students to participate in Commencement as well.

Is there a difference between Commencement and the Hooding Ceremony?

Yes. Commencement and the Hooding Ceremony are two distinct and separate events.

The **Hooding Ceremony** (June 9, 2025) is a more personal ceremony specifically for graduate students, where faculty "hood" graduates in recognition of earning a master's or doctoral degree. It is a proud academic tradition that symbolizes the graduate's scholarly achievements.

Commencement (Friday, June 13, 2025) is the large-scale, official university-wide celebration at the Tacoma Dome for all graduating students from UW Tacoma's undergraduate and graduate programs, featuring speakers, the turning of the tassel, and recognition by the school or college.

Because Commencement and the Hooding Ceremony are two distinct and separate events, students must register for whichever event(s) they decide to participate in.

[Commencement Registration Information](#)

[SET Graduate Hooding Ceremony RSVP Form](#)

Will professional photos be taken at the Hooding Ceremony?

No.

There are many beautiful places on campus students and their guests can use for photos before and/or after the Hooding Ceremony. [Click here to see our recommendations for photo opportunities on campus.](#)

Will the Hooding Ceremony be live-streamed?

No. Unfortunately, the Hooding Ceremony will not be live-streamed.

Commencement will be live-streamed for those unable to attend in-person. [Visit the UW Tacoma Commencement website for details.](#)

Parking

Students and their guests should consult the [UW Tacoma Parking Map](#) for information about parking near campus.