

2026 *Commencement*

INFO
SESSION

Before we begin...

Keep yourself muted during the presentation. If you have any questions, feel free to use the Zoom Chat.

We will be presenting the same information at each info session. No need to attend more than one!

Yes, this slide deck is available for download and can be found on the commencement website.



Important Dates:

DATE	TASK
Before April 17	Apply to graduate with Academic Advisor
March 02 – May 07	Cap & Gown Online Purchase (Ship to Home)
April 22 – May 16	Register to attend the Commencement Ceremony
May 01 – June 11	Cap & Gown In-Person Purchase at UW Tacoma Bookstore
Before May 08	Complete Commencement Name Form if one or more applies: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have a preferred name• Want to remove name• Names with diacritic marks (like ^^^~)
June 03	Attend the Grad Fair
June 12	Attend the Commencement Ceremony at the Tacoma Dome



Ceremony Details:



Friday, June 12, 2026
Tacoma Dome

Check-in for Graduates at 8:30 a.m.
Doors open for Guests at 9:00 a.m.
Ceremony begins promptly at 10:00 a.m.
Duration is approximately 2 hours 30 minutes

Registration- 2 Step Process

Registering to participate is required!

Step 1 | Register to Attend- April 22-May 16

- Verify your name and degree (minors will not be included)
- Submit the Commencement Name Form if you would like a different appearance of your name
- Indicate your number of guests
- Once completed, you will receive a confirmation email.

Step 2 | Order your cap, gown, & souvenir items

- **Online** March 2-May 7
 - Shipping time will be 3-5 weeks to the address you provide
- **In Person** May 1-June 11 a UW Tacoma Shop
 - In person pick up only

Registration-cont'd

- After May 07, 2026, regalia purchase must be completed through the UW Tacoma Shop, in person ONLY.
- If you don't plan to attend the commencement ceremony, but would like to purchase souvenir items, check out the [Commencement Checklist](#) provided in our website



Regalia and Souvenir Items:

PURCHASE OF CAP & GOWN IS REQUIRED!

Package 1

Includes: cap, gown, and one degree tassel

- Bachelor's \$62
- Master's \$115.50 (*with hood*)
- Doctoral
 - Rental: \$68
 - Purchase: \$1,323.98

Package 2

Includes: cap, gown, one degree tassel, & university stole

- Bachelor's \$98.50
- Master's \$152.00 (*with hood*)

Package 3

Includes: cap, gown, one degree tassel, university stole, & diploma frame

- Bachelor's \$175.50-\$328.00
- Master's \$229.00-\$381.50

Additional Items for purchase:

- Additional tassels \$5.50 (for double major or souvenir)
- Purple/Gold souvenir tassels \$9.50-\$14.00
- UW Tacoma Stole \$36.50
- Diploma Frames (price varies)



****Prices above does not include taxes and shipping****



Receiving Your Regalia

Receiving Your Regalia	Dates	Shipping Cost (if applicable)
Ship to Home*	March 02 – May 07	Standard Rate - \$19.95 Express Rate - \$39.95
In-Person (UW Tacoma Shop)**	May 01 – June 11	Not Applicable

Notes:

*Allow 4-6 weeks of shipping and processing

**May be limitations on size & item availability

Cords vs. Stoles:

Cords

Specific to honors & awarded by Office of the Registrar to undergraduates (Baccalaureate -Gold, Faculty-Purple and Global Honors-White).

Email notifications will be sent if graduates are eligible.

These are complimentary and will be available for pickup at the Office of the Registrar at the beginning of May.



Registered Student Organization (RSO), Global Honors & Individual Stoles

Approved by the Office of Student Affairs. Purchase & distribution is managed by the organization/individual .

Deadline to submit designs to tcommenc@uw.edu for approval is May 29, 2026.



Military Graduation Stole

Student veterans and military spouses can purchase a customized military stole indicating their military status and branch of service.

This is available for purchase through the Veteran & Military Resource Center. Contact the VMRC before March 20, 2026 to order your stole.



Diploma Information

- **ONLY** students participating in the Commencement ceremony will receive the complimentary purple diploma cover
 - *These are distributed when you cross the stage*
- Your diploma will not be in the diploma cover distributed during the ceremony. This is mailed 6 – 8 weeks following your final quarter
 - *New!* Diplomas now reflect your major information.
 - Students receive a complimentary electronic: CeDiploma

The Student GradPass



GradPass is used to announce your name as you cross the stage

- Your GradPass will be distributed the day of the ceremony at the Tacoma Dome
- If your name is not correct, visit the Registration Help Desk in the Exhibition Hall the day of the ceremony
- This QR code will be scanned before you walk on stage



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- Each graduate will cross the stage.
- As you are crossing the stage, your name will be announced.
- You will be handed your complimentary diploma cover.
- You will shake the hand of a university representative.
- A photo will be taken (*available for purchase*).

Guest Tickets

- **NO** tickets required for your guests!
- There is no limit to number of guests
- When registering please enter your anticipated number of guests attending



Student and Guest Accommodations:

Students

Indicate when registering if you will need accommodations. If you have additional accommodation questions please email drsuwt@uw.edu

Guest

With the exception of ASL, disability accommodations for guests are managed by the Tacoma Dome. Tacoma Dome accommodation information is available on our site and will be included in guest communications.

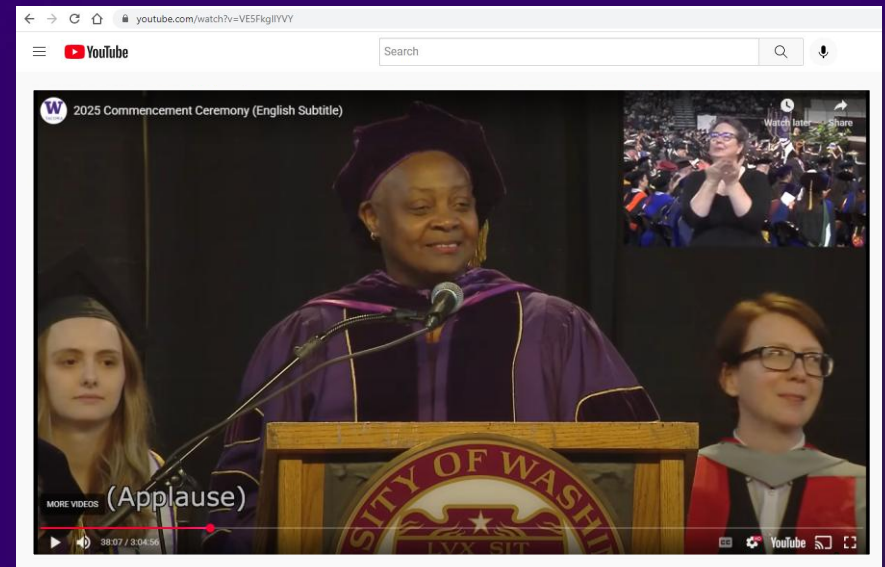
Please note: Due to space limitation of accommodation seating, guests needing accommodation seating can have one attendant seated with them.

Live Stream

UW Tacoma will be livestreaming the 2026 Commencement Ceremony!

Link will be posted on the home page of the Commencement website day of ceremony

- Unlimited capacity to watch the livestream
- Guests near and far can watch live
- Available in Spanish



Captioning & Translation Services:

- The ceremonies will be live captioned onsite.
- ASL will be available.
 - Request these services when you register online.
 - Spanish translation option will be available on the livestream



Transportation & Parking Details

- Graduates & guests should plan to park at the Tacoma Dome , the Tacoma Dome Station or around the UW Tacoma campus and take the light rail. See website for maps. *Fees may apply.*

Parking at the Tacoma Dome ranges from \$15 - \$30 per vehicle

- Parking Accommodations at the Dome is on a first come/first serve basis and not arranged by UW Tacoma.
- Please allow extra time for arrival & leaving the Dome as thousands of people are anticipated to be present for the ceremony.

Clear Bag Policy

The Tacoma Dome has a clear bag policy to expedite entry and reduce touch points for security staff and guests.

- **Bags may only be clear plastic, vinyl, or PVC, sized 12"x6"x12" or smaller**
- **Small clutch purses are okay if sized 4.5"x6.5" or smaller**
- **One gallon plastic storage bags are okay**

Note: please share this policy with your guests. They will not be allowed to enter if they are carrying a bag that does not meet these requirements



Visit the Tacoma Dome website for more information about their bag policy:

Commencement Etiquette

Arrive on Time

- Graduates arriving late may miss being seated with their programs and will be seated at end.
- Guests with accommodated floor seating may need to wait on completion of university staff/graduate processions.

Remain Seated Once the Ceremony Begins

- Refrain from standing up or walking around the graduate floor area.

Return to Seats Following Stage Crossing

- As a courtesy and out of respect for fellow graduates and their families, graduates are expected to return to their seats after they cross the stage and remain in graduate seating until ***all*** students have crossed the stage. Upon conclusion of the ceremony, students will follow the stage recessional in exiting. PLEASE SHARE WITH YOUR GUESTS.



Ceremony Day: What to Expect

- There will be **NO** rehearsal
- All graduates will enter through the Exhibition Hall entrance at the Tacoma Dome; this is where you will check in
- **Grad Pass:** Visit the Help Desk if your Grad Pass is not located at check in desks or if the name is incorrect on your Grad Pass
- **UW Tacoma Shop** will have a table to address any last minute purchases- cap/gown, tassels, university stoles, souvenirs
- You are not grouped by last name, but by program only. Find your program's display board for line-up
- Only bring what you can carry comfortably. There is no graduate storage and its not recommended leaving items at your seat.
- Wear comfortable shoes!

Photo Opportunities:

Grad Fair

June 3, 2026

William Philip Hall (WPH)

12 P.M. – 6 P.M.

W Photo Shoot sponsored by UWAA

May 14, 2026

2 P.M. – 5 P.M.

Come to the campus for special backdrops

Monday, May 4th, 2026 – Friday, June 12, 2026

Day of the Ceremony

Photos will be taken of each graduate as they approach and cross the stage. You will be sent a link to view your images. *There is no obligation to purchase*



GRAD FAIR

Wednesday, June 3rd, 12–6pm WPH

- **Connect With Campus & Community Resources**

Learn about services and opportunities available to you as a soon to be alum. Meet on campus partners, local organizations, and community groups offering support during your transition beyond graduation.

- **Giveaways & Swag**

Enjoy fun freebies and celebratory items—because every grad deserves a little extra shine.

- **Cap Decorating Station**

Let your creativity loose! Personalize your graduation cap with crafting supplies, inspiration boards, and staff on hand to help you bring your vision to life.





QUESTIONS?

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check out the FAQs on the
Commencement webpage