

2009 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES

DIRECTIONS FOR ALL UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

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I. ACADEMIC COSTUME

If you have not already done so, caps, gowns, and hoods must be purchased from *Jostens* at the Georgetown University Bookstore from May 11 - May 16 according to the schedule below:

Monday, May 11 - Friday, May 15	9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 16 (Graduation Day)	8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Caps, gowns, and hoods are boxed a month in advance of Commencement. It is recommended that the academic costume be obtained as early as possible so that any wrinkles may hang out.

The cost of the undergraduate academic regalia is \$57.00. If you still have your gown from New Student Convocation, you will only need to purchase the cap, tassel and hood which costs \$33.00. Since caps, gowns, and hoods are purchased, there is no necessity to return them.

II. SENIOR CLASS CONVOCATION – THURSDAY – MAY 14, 2009 (McDonough Arena)

The Senior Convocation marks the official inauguration of the University's 2009 Commencement Ceremonies. It will take place on Thursday, May 14 at 2:00 p.m. The procession will form at 1:00 p.m. on the sidewalk between the Jesuit Residence and Southwest Quad Dorms. Students will walk with their friends, irrespective of school or alphabetical order. Academic gowns will be worn. Hoods are not worn. Caps are optional. A reception will follow in Leo J. O'Donovan Hall. In the event of inclement weather, the procession will form in McDonough Tent and at the close of convocation you will process out through McDonough Tent to the reception. More information will be sent to each member of the senior class via e-mail.

III. UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES - SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2009 **SPECIFIC DIRECTIONS FOR THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION FOR COMMENCEMENT WILL BE DISTRIBUTED BY THE OFFICE OF THE DEAN.**

In the event of inclement weather, the Commencement Exercises scheduled for Healy Lawn will be held in McDonough Arena. A change to the rain site for Commencement will be the decision of the individual Dean's Office close to the time of the ceremony. If in doubt, please call the University Weather Line at 687-7669 or check our Commencement website at <http://commencement.georgetown.edu/>

IV. BACCALAUREATE MASS – SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2009 (Healy Lawn)

A. Robing

Graduates will robe at 8:30 a.m. in the rooms indicated.

College: AB/BS	Room 201 White-Gravenor
Nursing & Health Studies	Room 211 White-Gravenor
School of Foreign Service	Room 203 White-Gravenor
McDonough School of Business	Room 208 White-Gravenor
SCS Room	213 White-Gravenor
Graduate School Room	206 White-Gravenor
MBA Room	206 White-Gravenor
Law Room	206 White-Gravenor
Medical Room	206 White-Gravenor

B. Assembly

Since your degrees will have already been conferred, hoods as well as caps and gowns are to be worn at Mass. The tassel on the cap is to be worn on the side of the left eye at all times. **After robing, the graduates will report immediately to the School Marshal who will be at the School Standard in Red Square.**

C. Timetable

8:40 a.m. – Graduates line up in the Intercultural Center Courtyard (Red Square)
8:55 a.m. – Procession leaves Red Square
9:00 a.m. – Ceremony begins

D. Recessional

There will be a recessional of graduates following the Baccalaureate Mass. Follow the directions of the Chief Marshal in exiting from the seating area. Graduates and their guests may proceed to the Commencement Brunch which will immediately follow mass at the Leavey Center Grand Ballroom (tickets are not required).

OR

In the event of inclement weather, the Baccalaureate Mass will be held in McDonough Arena. The decision to change the site of the Mass will be made no later than 6:15 a.m. and will be announced on the Georgetown University weather line at 202-687-7669, posted at all of the university's vehicle entrances, and posted on the Commencement website at <http://commencement.georgetown.edu/>

BACCALAUREATE MASS (Rain Site, McDonough Arena)

A. Robing

Graduates will robe at 8:30 a.m. in the tent in front of McDonough Arena.

B. Assembly

Graduates will wear caps, gowns, and hoods at Mass. **After robing, the graduates will report immediately to the School Marshals bearing standards in the tent in front of McDonough Arena.**

C. Timetable

8:40 a.m. – Graduates line up
9:00 a.m. – Ceremony begins

Please follow the Chief Marshal's directions for recessional.