

Commencement on the University Hall Lawn FAQs

Topic	Answer
Additional Seating	The ceremony may be viewed on the first floor of the Bowen-Thompson Student Union in the Falcon's nest.
Concessions	Concessions will be available in Starbucks and Dunkin Donuts for our guests' convenience.
Faculty line-up	Faculty members participating in the commencement ceremony should assemble and robe on the first floor of McFall
Faculty/staff handing diploma cover to a student	If a faculty or staff member is participating by handing the diploma cover to their family member, this person should report to the Faculty Marshal in the Faculty Robing area on the first floor of McFall. The Faculty Marshal will provide additional details with regard to where to sit and how to approach the stage.
First Aid and EMT	An ambulance will be parked between Williams Hall and Prout Chapel. EMT's will be station on the green space south of Williams Hall. A nurse will be stationed by McFall.
Graduate student line-up	All graduate (masters and doctoral) students line up in the green space in front of the Administration Building. Students should look for their appropriate college/degree sign upon entering the assembly area. This is where students will be given their announcer cards, as well as additional instructions regarding their participation in the ceremony, Doctoral candidates will line up with their dissertation committee chair.
Honors Cords	Available for eligible candidates from a Falcon Outfitters representative located on the first floor of McFall.
Hood	Master's candidates: Wear hoods during all academic ceremonies. Marshals will be available to assist you with the proper manner to wear a hood. Doctoral candidates: The candidate's dissertation committee chair will carry the hood when approaching the platform. The Dean will hood the candidates during the ceremony.
Length of Ceremony	The ceremony is expected to last approximately 2 hours.
Presidential seating	Presidential seating is located to the north side of the platform next to the Faculty seating. Passes are required.
Regalia return	All faculty and doctoral candidates should return their rented regalia to the Falcon Outfitters representatives who will be located on the first floor of McFall.
Restrooms	Restrooms are located on the first floor in the Administration building, Bowen-Thompson Student Union, Moseley Hall, Shatzel Hall, Kuhlin Center, Williams Hall and University Hall.
Special Accommodations	Seating for people needing special accommodations is located on the immediate north side of the platform. Passes are required.
Tassel	Bachelor's candidates: Place tassel on right side of mortar board, following conferral of degree, place tassel on left side. Master's and doctoral candidates: Place tassel on left side of mortar board.
Undergraduate student line-up	Undergraduate students line up in the green space in front of the Administration building and near Founders and McFall. Students should look for their appropriate college/degree sign upon entering the assembly area. This is where students will be given their announcer cards, as well as additional instructions regarding their participation in the ceremony.