GRADUATE MEDICAL SCIENCES MASTER’S COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION

GRADUATES, FACULTY AND STAFF

DATE: Thursday, May 19, 2022

LOCATION: Track & Tennis Center (TTC): 100 Ashford St., Boston, MA 02215

ARRIVAL TIMES: Graduates: 8:30 a.m. (but no later than 8:45 a.m.) Assemble in the white tent on Malvern Field across the street from the TTC (see map on page 3). Please check-in when you arrive.

Faculty and all hooders: 8:45 a.m. Use the main TTC entrance and report to the faculty robing area in the cage (see map on page 3). Please check-in when you arrive.

Families and guests: 9:00 a.m. Main entrance of the TTC opens for guests and families. This is a non-ticketed event. There will be a security bag check; no luggage or large bags are permitted. Strollers will not be permitted down on the floor but are allowed near the stadium seats.

EVENT TIME: Commencement ceremony will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. A reception will follow directly after the ceremony outside in the tent across the street from the TTC.

PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION: Public transportation is recommended: specifically, the GREEN LINE OUTBOUND (Boston College) to Babcock St.

The BU Shuttle will travel between the Medical and Charles River Campus all day.

There will be two dedicated shuttles transporting faculty, staff & guests to and from BUMC and the TTC:

Bus 1: Leaves 710 Albany Street at 8:15 am; Departs TTC at 12:30 pm

Bus 2: Leaves 710 Albany at 1 pm; Departs TTC at 5:30 pm

Face coverings must be worn on the BU Shuttle.

To view the shuttle’s routine service, access the live map at the following [website](#), or download the [Terrier Transit App](#).

Faculty and guests who drive are encouraged to park in the Agganis Arena garage, located at 925 Commonwealth Avenue (access via Buick St).

Only individuals with disabilities will be allowed to park in Langsam Garage, 278 Babcock St (entrance on Gardner Street).

HEALTH & SAFETY: Due to an increase in cases in the Boston area, and consistent with CDC and the Boston Public Health Commission, Boston University is strongly recommending the use of masks during commencement. As you enter the lobby of the Track & Tennis Center, medical grade masks be will be available for anyone who requests one. If wearing a mask, degree candidates and faculty are welcome to remove them for the procession, recession and hooding on the platform.
DISABILITY SERVICES: You can request accessible seating and other accommodations for yourself and for any of your guests attending the GMS Commencement by visiting the following website and completing a Disability Services Accommodations Request Form (deadline May 13).

Guests with accommodations should check in at the Disability Accommodations table in the Track & Tennis Center lobby upon arrival.

CART will be accessed by guests on their own mobile devices. The URL to receive the CART broadcast is go.bu.edu/ttc. This URL will be provided at the TTC when you arrive for the ceremony.

LACTATION ROOM / GENDER NEUTRAL RESTROOMS: Room 102H, located in the TTC’s office suite to the right of the main entrance is designated as a lactation room. A gender-neutral restroom and changing tables will also be accessible to guests.

HOODING: If you are hooing a graduate, please watch this brief tutorial video to familiarize yourself with the process.

REGALIA (CAP/GOWN): Everyone who participates in commencement must wear the approved academic regalia.

Graduates: Online ordering is no longer available. MISS THE DEADLINE? A limited selection of regalia will be available for rental at the Barnes & Noble on the Charles River Campus (910 Commonwealth Avenue) beginning May 9 although sufficient inventory cannot be guaranteed. Please email regalia@bu.edu with questions.

MS/MA regalia will include: a red gown, a black cap, a hood (yellow gold for MS, white for MA), and a green tassel.

Please open and check your regalia package upon receiving it to ensure you have all pieces and so your gown has time to “de-wrinkle.” Please do not arrive dressed in regalia due to the security check.

REGALIA RETURN: Graduates: Masters students do not return their regalia.

Faculty: Regalia may be returned to the faculty robing area after the ceremony (please retain your bag with your name and return your regalia in it) or return directly to Barnes & Noble (910 Commonwealth Avenue) by May 31.

SECURITY SCREENING: Graduates: Please do NOT arrive at the TTC dressed in regalia, and do NOT bring any personal items or valuables that you cannot fit in a pocket under your regalia. There will not be any place to leave purses, bags, or regalia packaging.

Faculty: Please do NOT arrive at the TTC dressed in regalia. Security will be screening personal items.

Guests: Large bags are not permitted at the TTC; please keep your carry bags to purses and smaller camera bags. Security will be screening personal items. No wrapped gifts are allowed.

CONTACTS: Student Affairs gmssa@bu.edu

WEBSITE: https://www.bumc.bu.edu/gms/students/commencement/