

GMS MASTER'S CONVOCATION CEREMONY INFORMATION

(FOR GRADUATES, FACULTY, STAFF & GUESTS)

DATE:	Thursday, May 18, 2023
LOCATION:	Track & Tennis Center (TTC): 100 Ashford St., Boston, MA 02215
ARRIVAL TIMES:	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Guests: 9 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.</p>
CEREMONY & RECEPTION:	Ceremony will begin promptly at 10 a.m. A reception for all graduates, guests, faculty & staff will follow directly after, located outside in the tent across the street from the TTC.
PARKING & TRANSPORTATION:	<p>Public transportation is recommended: specifically, the GREEN LINE OUTBOUND (Boston College) to Babcock St.</p> <p>The BU Shuttle will travel between the Medical and Charles River Campus all day.</p> <p>There will be <u>two dedicated shuttles transporting faculty, staff & guests to and from BUMC and the TTC:</u></p> <p>Bus 1: Departs 710 Albany Street at 8:15 a.m.; Departs TTC at 12:30 p.m.</p> <p>Bus 2: Departs 710 Albany at 1 p.m.; Departs TTC at 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>To view the shuttle's routine service, access the live map at the following website, or download the Terrier Transit App.</p> <p>Faculty and guests who drive are encouraged to park in the Agganis Arena garage, located at 925 Commonwealth Avenue (access via Buick St).</p> <p>Only individuals with disabilities will be allowed to park in Langsam Garage, 278 Babcock St (entrance on Gardner Street).</p>
HEALTH & SAFETY:	Wearing a mask at the ceremony is optional. Handshakes and hugs are acceptable as long as the parties involved are both comfortable doing so.

DISABILITY & ACCESS

SERVICES:

You can request accessible seating and other accommodations for yourself and for any of your guests attending the ceremony by visiting the following [website](#) and completing a [Disability Services Accommodations Request Form](#) (deadline May 12).

Guests with accommodations should check in at the Disability Accommodations table in the TTC 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 hooding a graduate, please watch [this brief tutorial video](#) to familiarize yourself with the process.

REGALIA (CAP/GOWN):

Everyone who participates in convocation must wear the approved academic regalia.

Graduates: If you missed the deadline to order regalia a limited selection will be available for purchase at the Barnes & Noble on the Charles River Campus (910 Commonwealth Avenue) beginning May 8, 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 (science gold for MS degrees, white for MA degrees) 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: Master's graduates 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 place your regalia in it), return to the GMS Suite (L-317), 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.**

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WEBSITE:

<https://www.bumc.bu.edu/gms/students/commencement/>

