

THE GO-TO FAQ SHEET: GMS MASTER'S CONVOCATION CEREMONY

(For All Graduates, Faculty, All Hooders, Staff & Guests)

DATE:	Thursday, May 15, 2025
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 & All Hooders: 8:45 a.m. Use the main TTC entrance and report to the faculty check-in/robing area in the cage (see map on page 3).</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 (please see Security Screening section for exceptions). Strollers will not be permitted down on the floor but are allowed near the stadium seats.</p>
CEREMONY & RECEPTION:	<p>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. The ceremony will also be available via livestream. Please visit the 2025 GMS Commencement Weekend website for the link.</p>
PARKING & TRANSPORTATION:	<p>Public transportation is recommended: specifically, the GREEN LINE OUTBOUND (Boston College) to the Babcock St. stop.</p> <p>The BU Shuttle will travel between the Medical and Charles River Campus all day.</p> <p>There will also be two dedicated shuttles transporting faculty, staff & guests to and from the Medical Campus and the TTC:</p> <p>Bus 1: Departs 710 Albany Street at 8:00 a.m.; Departs TTC at 12:30 p.m.</p> <p>Bus 2: Departs 710 Albany at 1:00 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 Ave. (access via Buick St.).</p> <p>Only individuals with disabilities will be allowed to park in Langsam Garage, located at 278 Babcock St. (entrance on Gardner St.).</p>
DISABILITY & ACCESS SERVICES:	<p>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 10).</p> <p>Guests with accommodations should check in at the Disability Accommodations table in the TTC lobby upon arrival.</p> <p>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.</p>

	Please see the above section of <i>Parking & Transportation</i> for information on parking that is in close proximity to the TTC.
LACTATION ROOM & GENDER-NEUTRAL RESTROOM:	<p>Room 102H, located in the TTC's office suite to the right of the main entrance is designated as a lactation room.</p> <p>A gender-neutral restroom and changing tables will be accessible to guests.</p>
HOODING:	If you are hooding a graduate, please watch this brief tutorial video to familiarize yourself with the process. All hooders will be seated in front of the stage, on floor level. Hooders will be invited up to the stage in order of degree program. All hooders for a program will come up the left side of the stage's set of stairs/ramp together (from audience's perspective), gather behind the hooding area and will leave on the right side's set of stairs/ramp when finished.
REGALIA (CAP/GOWN):	<p>Everyone who participates in convocation must wear the approved academic regalia.</p> <p>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 5, although sufficient inventory cannot be guaranteed. Please email regalia@bu.edu with questions.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
REGALIA RETURN:	<p>Graduates: Master's graduates do not return their regalia.</p> <p>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 Ave.) by May 31.</p> <p>Non-BU Affiliated Hooders: Regalia must be returned per instructions provided by Herff-Jones.</p>
SECURITY SCREENING:	<p>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 is no secure storage for you to leave purses, bags, regalia packaging, etc. The only exception is necessary medical-related items. If you must bring personal items with you, we encourage you to coordinate with a guest to have them hold onto them for you.</p> <p>Faculty: Please do NOT arrive at the TTC dressed in regalia. Security will be screening personal items.</p> <p>Guests: Large bags are not permitted at the TTC; please keep your bags to purses and smaller camera bags. Security will be screening personal items. Please note that diaper bags and any necessary medical-related items are allowed. No wrapped gifts are allowed.</p>
QUESTIONS:	GMS Student Affairs (gmssa@bu.edu)
WEBSITE:	https://www.bumc.bu.edu/gms/students/2025-commencement/

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