



# 2018 WINTER COMMENCEMENT

Information for Families

**Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> @ 3 p.m. - Doctoral and Master's Degree Ceremony**  
**Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup> @ 1 & 4 p.m. - Bachelor's Degree Ceremonies**

(Visit [UND.edu/commencement](http://UND.edu/commencement) for details)

**Chester Fritz Auditorium**  
**3475 University Avenue, Grand Forks, ND**

What an exciting time for your UND student! This information about graduation should answer the questions you may have about the ceremony and resources available to graduates and their families. If you'd like more details about the ceremony and getting ready to graduate, visit [und.edu/commencement](http://und.edu/commencement).

## Graduation Expo

Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 11am- 4:15pm  
Loading Dock, Memorial Union, Main Floor

By attending the Grad Expo....

Students earning **bachelor's** degrees can purchase their cap, gown and tassel; **doctoral and master's** candidates can rent a UND-custom gown, hood, cap/tam, and tassel. Students can check with the Registrar's Office to verify their degree and name as it will appear on their diploma and for the commencement program. Students also have an opportunity to visit with other vendors who offer services to graduates.

## The Order of Commencement

**Processional**  
**Welcome and Introductions from the President**  
**Singing of America the Beautiful**  
**Conferring of Academic Degrees**  
**Alumni Greetings**  
**Singing of Alma Mater**  
**Recessional**

The length of each ceremony is determined by the number of degrees granted. UND commencement is open to the public and no tickets are required.

## Commencement Day

**Traditional academic apparel is required to participate in commencement and is available through the University Bookstore.**

- Undergraduate attire includes a mortar board, black gown, and tassel in the color of the student's academic college. This apparel is available for purchase.
- Master's attire is a UND custom black master's gown, black tassel, mortar board, and a master's hood in the color of the student's academic discipline. This apparel is rented, worn on graduation day and the gown and hood are returned after the ceremony.
- Doctoral attire is a UND custom black doctoral gown, tam, black tassel, and a doctoral hood lined in the color of your student's academic discipline. This apparel is rented, worn on graduation day and the gown and hood are returned. Doctoral students do have the option of purchasing their academic apparel.

## Guest Seating

Outside doors to commencement facilities open early; however, doors to the auditorium for guest seating will open 60 minutes before the start of the ceremony.

## Commencement Live

The ceremony is Webcast live; go to [UND.edu](http://UND.edu) on the day of the ceremony to connect to the event.

## University Bookstore

UND Bookstore, 775 Hamline Street

- Undergraduate students can pick up and pay for their academic regalia at the Expo or at the University Bookstore. Students can also order online until **November 19<sup>th</sup>** at [herffjones.com/college/UND](http://herffjones.com/college/UND)
- Graduate students will be able to rent a UND custom gown, hood, cap/tam, and tassel at the Graduation Expo. Students can also order online at [herffjones.com/college/UND](http://herffjones.com/college/UND) through **November 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Details on regalia rental policies and timelines are available at [UND.edu/commencement](http://UND.edu/commencement).
- Personalized graduation announcements printed with your student's name, degree, and major/minor can be ordered at [herffjones.com/college/UND](http://herffjones.com/college/UND). Allow 3-4 weeks for delivery. Generic announcements are available for purchase at the University Bookstore.
- Class Rings can be ordered anytime. Please allow 6-8 weeks for delivery.
- Diploma Frames. Hardwood frames embossed with the University name and seal are available for all degrees conferred by UND. Sizes are 8.5"x11" for undergraduate and master's diplomas; 12"x15" for doctoral diplomas. **NOTE: 20% discount on frames October 25<sup>th</sup> only in the UND Bookstore or at the Grad Expo.**
- UND Thank You cards are also available for purchase.
- For more information, visit [UND.bkstr.com](http://UND.bkstr.com) or call 701.777.4980. The University Bookstore will have a table of merchandise at the Chester Fritz Auditorium on commencement day.

## Disability Accommodations and Accessible Seating for Candidates and Guests

Wheelchairs are available and it's advisable to call ahead to reserve one. If you need to reserve a seat for special accommodations, call 701.777.6393.

An American Sign Language interpreter will be present to sign the ceremony.

To request the program in alternative format or other accommodations, contact the Office of Ceremonies & University Events at 701.777.6393 two weeks prior to the ceremony.

## Parking

Ample parking is available south of the Chester Fritz Auditorium and is free of charge.

## Diplomas

It will take approximately 8 weeks for your student to receive their diploma. Your student should have updated their "home" address and phone number on Campus Connection because this is the address used to mail diplomas.

## Greater Grand Forks

The Convention and Visitors Bureau offers visitor information, including hotel room availability, to help friends and families make arrangements for their commencement visit. Call the CVB at 701.746.0444 or go to [visitgrandforks.com](http://visitgrandforks.com)

## UND Alumni Association & Foundation

Students are invited to **Connect/Engage/Grow**, as part of the UND alumni family. If you would like more information about the UND Alumni Association and the services they offer, connect with them at:

3501 University Avenue, Stop 8157  
Grand Forks, ND 58202-8157  
800.543.8764 or 701.777.2611  
[UNDalumni.org](http://UNDalumni.org)

All graduates and their families are invited to a reception for the  
**UND Class of 2018**  
at the Gorecki Alumni Center  
3501 University Avenue  
Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 2:30-4:30 p.m.

### Connect with us on Facebook

Follow the UND Ceremonies and University Events page for more information on the 2018 class event and watch for graduation updates.

### Still have more questions?

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