Graduation vs. Commencement

Graduation...
• is the successful completion of a student’s major/minor/concentration and the issuing of a diploma.

Commencement...
• is the celebration of your time and hard work at Rowan University.

www.rowan.edu/commencement
Step 1: Apply to Graduate

Graduation Application Deadlines

The non-refundable application fee will be added to your student account.

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Applications are NOT accepted after the extended deadline dates.
Step 1: Apply to Graduate

• Students should meet with their advisors, review their transcripts and GRAD reports to ensure that they have met all major/minor/concentration and University requirements.

• Students must apply for Graduation online through Self-Service Banner. Select “Apply to Graduate.”

• After the application is submitted, students will receive email confirmation, which should be printed and kept for their records. This email includes instructions for Commencement.

• Students can verify the information on their application (diploma name, mailing address, etc.) through Self-Service – select “View Pending Graduation Applications.”

• All Graduation information will be sent to students’ Rowan email addresses only. Please check your email often.
Online Walking Application

Will you complete your degree requirements in Summer or Fall 2016, want to walk in the Commencement Ceremony and fit the parameters below?

- I am an undergraduate student and will have 12 or fewer credits to complete.
- I am a graduate student (Master’s Level only) and will have 6 or fewer credits to complete and/or the only remaining requirement I have will be my thesis.

If you fit one of the parameters listed above, AND you want to walk in the 2016 Commencement Ceremony, you MUST complete an Online Walking Application by March 11th.

(Students apply through SSB – Student Tab – “Online Walking Application”).
Diplomas

• The final review of Spring 2016 Graduation Applications will occur during June 2016 (after all final grades are submitted). Summer 2016 Applications will be reviewed/awarded in September 2016.

• Students will be notified by email when their degree is awarded or if there are issues regarding their application.

• Diplomas will list majors only. Minors, concentrations and specializations will appear on your final transcript.

• Diplomas are mailed directly from Herff Jones and students will receive email notification when their diploma ships.

• Each student receives one complimentary final transcript. This will be mailed separately.
University Honors

3.450 – 3.649 Cum Laude
3.650 – 3.849 Magna Cum Laude
3.850 – 4.000 Summa Cum Laude

• For graduation, university honors are based on students’ final cumulative GPA and will be printed on students’ diplomas and transcripts.

• For Commencement, university honors are based on the cumulative GPA earned at the end of the Fall semester. This GPA is given to B&N for students to purchase the coordinating honor cord and will be noted, with a symbol, in the Commencement program.
Commencement 2016
Commencement Week 2016

Fast Facts:

- Monday, May 9 – Friday, May 13
- Graduate and Undergraduate students walk together
- **ALL** rain ceremonies require tickets
- Each student is eligible for four (4) guest tickets
- Extra tickets are **NOT** available
- Ceremonies are streamed/simulcast
- Rowan.edu/commencement
Step 2: Confirm Participation

Complete these steps **by April 15** to register for Commencement:

- Visit rowan.edu/selfservice
- Access Banner services and enter ID and PIN
- Select “Student and Financial Aid”
- Click on “Commencement”
- Click on “Commencement Attendance Confirmation”
Step 3: Caps & Gowns

Candidates for graduation must wear a cap and gown to participate in the ceremony.

- **Rowan Barnes & Noble Commencement Fair – March 28-31, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.**
  - A representative from the gown manufacturer will be on site to assist with gown sizing. In addition, other vendors will be showcasing class rings, diploma frames, announcements and other Commencement-related items.

- Caps and gowns available for purchase from Monday, March 28 through Monday, May 9. Caps and gowns are keepsakes and do not need to be returned after Commencement.

- Custom doctoral gowns – Contact **Valerie Wojcik** at 856-881-5954 or wojcik@rowan.edu to schedule a fitting. Orders must be placed by **March 31, 2016.**
### Step 3: Caps & Gowns - 2016 pricing

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<td>Cap, Gown, Gold Tassel &amp; Hood</td>
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Academic honor cords available at Rowan Barnes & Noble for $12.98.
Step 4: Guest Tickets

AFTER confirming Commencement Participation:

• Each student registered to participate is eligible for **four (4) guest tickets for rain ceremonies**
  – Tickets are not needed for outdoor venues
  – Participating students do not need tickets

• Tickets will be available **May 2 from the Commencement website**

• Extra tickets are **NOT** available

• Children under the age of six (6) who will sit on a lap during the entire ceremony do not require tickets
Step 4: Guest Tickets

Sample E-Ticket

Rohrer College of Business
Friday, May 16, 2014
12:00 p.m.
Student Recreation Center

GENERAL ADMISSION

RAIN CEREMONY: 6:00 P.M., STUDENT RECREATION CENTER

Graduate: Derek Mitchell
Reservation Date: Thursday, February 6, 2014
Record Locator: JZLLEO Ticket #2 of 4

THIS IS YOUR TICKET. PLEASE TREAT IT AS YOU WOULD ANY OTHER VALUABLE.
Step 4: Guest Tickets - FAQs

• Students who do not complete the Commencement Participation Form (Step 2) by April 15, 2016 will not be eligible for tickets.

• You must print your tickets prior to arriving at Commencement. Tickets will not be printed on site. All guests must have a printed ticket to enter indoor venues. Each ticket is unique and cannot be scanned twice.

• Guests arriving to venues without tickets will be directed to simulcast viewing sites. Seating is limited and is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors will close once capacity has been reached.
Commencement Week 2016
Monday, May 9

9:15 a.m. Student Arrival/Line-up

11 a.m. Ceremony at KIPP Cooper Norcross Academy in Camden
  • Cooper Medical School of Rowan University

All ceremonies are simulcast – visit rowan.edu/commencement for locations.
Commencement Week 2016
Tuesday, May 10

9 a.m. Student Arrival/Line-up

10 a.m. Ceremony at University Green
  • School of Health Professions (SHP)
  • College of Science & Mathematics

All ceremonies are simulcast – visit rowan.edu/commencement for locations.
Commencement Week 2016
Wednesday, May 11

9 a.m. Student Arrival/Line-up

10 a.m. Ceremony at University Green
  • Rohrer College of Business

1 p.m. Student Arrival/Line-up

2 p.m. Ceremony at University Green
  • College of Humanities & Social Sciences

All ceremonies are simulcast – visit rowan.edu/commencement for locations.
Commencement Week 2016
Thursday, May 12

9 a.m. Student Arrival/Line-up

10 a.m. Main Ceremony at University Green
  • College of Communication & Creative Arts (CCCA)
  • College of Performing Arts (CPA)

College Secondary Ceremonies Follow:
  • CCCA remains on the University Green
  • CPA reports to Pfleeger Concert Hall, Wilson Hall

3 p.m. Student Arrival/Line-up

4 p.m. Ceremony at University Green
  • College of Education

All ceremonies are simulcast – visit rowan.edu/commencement for locations.
Commencement Week 2016
Friday, May 13

9 a.m. Student Arrival/Line-up

10 a.m. Ceremony at University Green
  • Henry M. Rowan College of Engineering

1 p.m. Student Arrival/Line-up

2 p.m. Ceremony at University Green
  • School of Osteopathic Medicine
  • Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences

All ceremonies are simulcast – visit rowan.edu/commencement for locations.
What if it rains?

- In the event of a severe rainstorm, the ceremony on the University Green will be cancelled.
- All college ceremonies will be moved to their assigned indoor locations.
- All rain ceremonies REQUIRE tickets.
- Inclement weather notifications will be announced the morning of Commencement, beginning at 7 a.m., on:
  - WGLS-FM 89.7
  - Rowan University, 856-256-INFO
  - rowan.edu
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Special Needs Seating & Parking

Seating
• Special needs seating is available at all ceremonies
• Seating is limited to individuals with disabilities and ONE companion
• Special needs seating is assigned on a first-come, first-served basis

Parking
• Special needs parking passes are assigned by the University Parking Office
• A government-issued handicap hang-tag and/or placard will not guarantee parking during Commencement. You must contact the University for an assigned space.

• Special Needs parking is managed by Elaina Surace in the Parking Office. Contact Suracem@rowan.edu for reservations and instructions.
Additional Commencement information

- **Rehearsal**: Only Cooper Medical School of Rowan University, School of Osteopathic Medicine and Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences will have a Commencement rehearsal.

- **Student and general guest parking**: Use Lots B, C, D, O and O-1

- **Shuttles/golf carts**: Available throughout campus to assist guests – specifically those with special needs.

- **Marshals/Ushers**: Rowan staff will be on hand to help you and your guests.

[www.rowan.edu/commencement](http://www.rowan.edu/commencement)
Additional Commencement information

- **Line-up**: Arrive one hour before ceremony start time and line up by major (not in alphabetical order by last name) at back of University Green.

- **Pronunciation of names**: Spell your name phonetically on card provided by marshals.

- **Commencement photos**: Photographers at each ceremony.

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Commencement tips

• Read the Commencement website – Check back regularly
• Arrive early!
• Make sure your guests know what to expect
  – Campus map, parking
  – Where to meet after the ceremony
• Dress appropriately for weather
• Move out times and logistics – Saturday, May 14
• Know your rain ceremony details
• Follow us on the University’s Facebook (facebook.com/RowanUniversity) and Twitter (@RowanUniversity)
Thank you and congratulations.

*Please share this information with fellow students and your family.*

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