
2023 Commencement Info Session



Important Dates:

DATE	TASK
Before April 14	Apply to graduate with your advisor
Monday, April 24 – Friday, May 12 <i>(order regalia by May 12 to ensure on time delivery)</i>	Register on the Commencement Website and order your regalia items
Before Sunday, May 7	Complete the Commencement Listing & Name Form if using a preferred name
Before Friday, May 12	In Marching Order, request your guest tickets, complete your name recording, and request special accommodations
Friday, June 9	UW Tacoma Commencement



Ceremony Details:



Friday, June 9, 2023

Tacoma Dome

Check-in for Graduates at 8:30 a.m.

Doors open for Guests at 9:00 a.m.

Ceremony begins promptly at 10:00 a.m.

Duration is approximately 2 hours 30 minutes

Regalia and Souvenir Items:



PURCHASE OF CAP & GOWN IS REQUIRED!

Packages include cap, gown, and degree tassel.

- Bachelor's \$59 + tax
- Master's \$84 + tax
- Doctoral (Rental Only) \$98 + tax

Additional Items for purchase:

- Honor Cords \$12 + tax
- Additional tassels \$10 + tax
- Purple/Gold souvenir tassels/key chains \$10-12 + tax
- Purple or Gold Stoles of Gratitude \$35 + tax

All items are ordered when you register online for Commencement. Plan your order carefully!

Cords vs. Stoles:

Cords are specific to honors & awarded by Office of the Registrar to undergraduates (Baccalaureate, Faculty and Global Honors). Email notifications will be sent if graduates are eligible.

Cords are purchased during Commencement registration.

Stoles of Gratitude may be purchased as a souvenir item or to gift to family/friends who have supported a graduate. They are not meant to be worn as part of the regalia.

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Registered Student Organization (RSO) Stoles are approved by the Office of Student Affairs. Purchase & distribution is managed by the organization.

Deadline to submit stole designs for approval was 4/15/2023.



Registration- 2 Step Process

Registration is available April 24th-May 12th

- > **Step 1:** Register to Attend – Create an account, request your complimentary Guest Tickets, record your name by the May 15, 2023 deadline. You will receive an email confirmation to proceed to Step 2.
- > **Step 2:** Order your cap and gown, and souvenir items (deadline May 12, 2023)

- If you don't plan to attend the commencement ceremony, but would like to purchase souvenir items, you will still need to complete the registration form, selecting "NO" to participating.

Registration-cont'd

- > Be prepared to pay online with Visa, MasterCard, debit card, or valid checking account number.
- > Items will be shipped directly to you and you will be provided a tracking number once items have shipped
- > Ordering by May 12th ensures delivery before the ceremony date
- > *After May 12th*, regalia orders must be completed in person during the week of May 30th-June 2nd and are subject to availability and a \$30 late registration fee



Diploma Information

- Only students participating in the Commencement ceremony will receive the complimentary purple diploma cover
 - These are distributed when you cross the stage
- Your diploma will not be in the diploma cover distributed during the ceremony. This is mailed 6 – 8 weeks following your final quarter
- Most often the diploma will not include your major & will simply reflect “Bachelor of Arts” or “Bachelor of Science”
- Students receive a complimentary electronic CeDiploma

Grad Ticket for Entry



- **Grad Pass** is your ticket into Commencement & is used to display your name and degree on the big screen
 - **Your Grad Pass will be issued at the end of May!** An email will be sent or log back into the registration system to view.
 - This QR code will be scanned before you walk on stage
 - Bring your charged smart phone to display your Grad Pass at Commencement
 - If anything appears incorrect, reach out to tcommenc@uw.edu





Alexandria Marke Murphy
Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice

- Each graduate will cross the stage.
- As you are crossing the stage, your name and degree will be displayed and read
- You will be handed your complimentary diploma cover
- A photo will be taken

Guest Tickets



- Guest tickets are required for admission
- Grads may request up to **10 tickets** beginning Monday, April 24

Please Note:

- Children under 2 do not require a ticket if they will be seated on the lap of another guest
- You may access your guest tickets at anytime by logging back into the registration system
- Graduates do not require tickets; but don't forget your Grad Pass

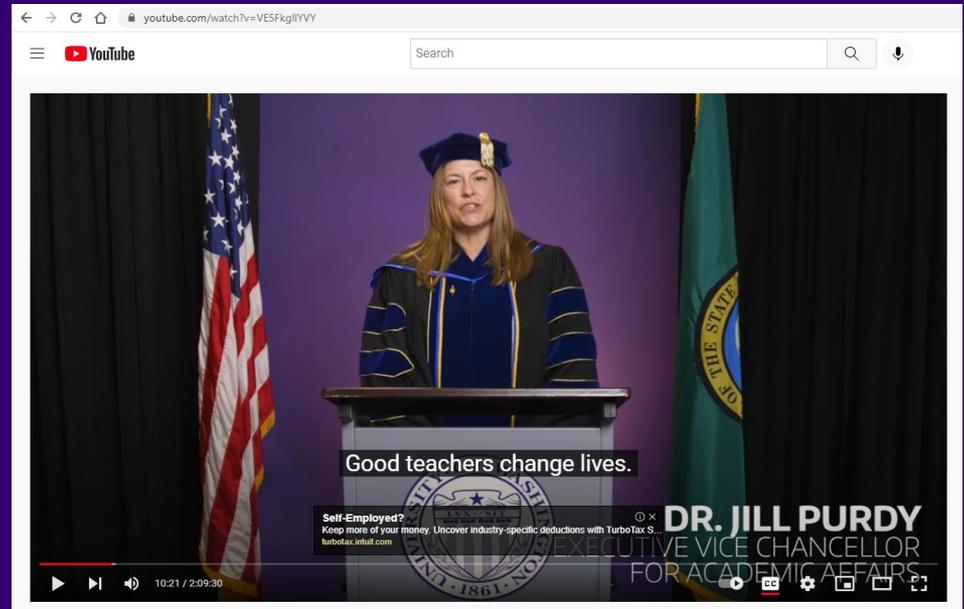
Student and Guest Accommodations:

- If you or your guests will need accommodations at Commencement please make sure you note this as you register online. We are happy to assist with any accommodation needs.
- Graduate Accommodation questions to drsuwt@uw.edu
- Please note: guests needing accommodation seating can have one attendant seated with them.

Live Stream

UW Tacoma will be
livestreaming the 2023
Commencement Ceremony!

Link will be posted on the home page of the
Commencement website day of ceremony



- Unlimited capacity to watch the livestream
- Guests near and far can watch live

Captioning & Translation Services:

- The ceremonies will be live captioned onsite.
- ASL will be available.
 - Request this services when you order your tickets online.



TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING DETAILS

- Graduates & guests should plan to park at the Tacoma Dome , the Tacoma Dome Station or around the UW Tacoma campus and take the light rail. See website for maps. *Fees may apply.*
Parking at the Tacoma Dome \$15/vehicle
- Handicap parking at the Dome is on a first come/first serve basis and not arranged by UW Tacoma.
- Please allow extra time for arrival & leaving the Dome as thousands of people are anticipated to be present for the ceremony.



Photo Opportunities:

- **W Photo Shoot sponsored by UWAA:**

June 1, 2023

11am – 2pm at the W!

- **Come to the campus for special backdrops**

Monday, June 5, 2023 – Friday, June 9, 2023

- **Day of the Ceremony-** photos will be taken of each graduate as they approach and cross the stage.

You will be sent a link to view your images. *There is no obligation to purchase*



Ceremony Day: What to Expect

- There will be **NO** rehearsal
- All graduates will enter through the Exhibition Hall entrance at the Tacoma Dome; this is where you will check in
- Visit the help desk if any information appears incorrect on your Grad Pass or you need to purchase last minute items
- You are not grouped by last name, but by program only. Find your program's display board for line-up
- Pack your phone (for Grad Pass). Only bring what you can carry comfortably. There is no graduate storage and its not recommended leaving items at your seat.
- Wear comfortable shoes!

QUESTIONS?



More questions?
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check out the [FAQs](#) on the
Commencement webpage