

Dear graduate,

Congratulations! Enclosed, please find the seven allotted tickets for your family and guests at your upcoming commencement ceremony. Here is some information to help you and your guests plan.

UW-Whitewater's May 2025 commencement ceremonies will be held at the Williams Center on the UW-Whitewater campus on **Saturday, May 17**. Each ceremony will last approximately two hours long. The ceremony will be live-streamed: the link to the live-stream, a PDF of the commencement program, and other up-date information can be found at www.edu/commencement.

10 a.m. ceremony honoring graduate students in the School of Graduate Studies and undergraduate students in the College of Arts and Communication and the College of Business and Economics.

- Graduating students need to arrive by 9 a.m., one hour before the ceremony, and gather in Gym 1, located on the second floor of the Williams Center.
- Wristbands serve as guest tickets and are required for entry and must be worn.
- The doors to the Williams Center open at 7:30 a.m. The doors to the Kachel Fieldhouse open at 8:30 a.m. They will close for the processional at 9:45 a.m. and will reopen after the singing of the National Anthem.
- Guests are asked to exit the Kachel Fieldhouse by 12:30 p.m. so that staff can prepare for the afternoon ceremony.

Please note:

- Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.
- **All guests must be wearing their wristbands.**
For those without wristbands, remote viewing is available in Timmerman Auditorium in Hyland Hall.
- Only water is permitted in the fieldhouse.
- Water and flowers will be available for purchase.
- Strollers, balloons and other large items must be checked; a free coat check is available.
- There are no restrictions on bags (size, clear vs. opaque, etc.).
- Professional photography will take place during the ceremonies, and students will have access to those photos by Tuesday, May 20.
- The lost and found is located in Room 100.
- A seating map for the event is available on the back of this page.
- Plan ahead: graduates will be recessed out of the east side of the fieldhouse, down the main hallway, and out of the south doors toward the tennis courts. Talk in advance with your family, friends and guests about where you'll meet up after the ceremony.

Parking

Commencement parking is available on a first-come, first-served basis. All campus lots will be free of charge on commencement day. University Police will direct those in need of accessible parking, which is limited, to lot #11. Only vehicles with state-issued disabled license plates, permits or placards will be permitted in this lot.

Accessibility

- The commencement ceremony will be fully accessible. Drop-off location and accessible seating will be available for individuals with disabilities or limited mobility. Seating will be determined on a first-come, first-served basis and is limited to only those guests who require it. The seats will be for the person with accessible needs and for one companion. No pre-ticketing will occur for accessible seating. Wheelchair and wheelchair companion locations are scattered throughout the main level. **Family members and guests are encouraged to provide their own mobility devices; UW-Whitewater does not provide wheelchairs or walkers.**
- The seating area is served by assistive listening devices (ALD) on an FM system. Individuals may pick up headsets at the Recreation Sports and Facilities Office, located in room 100 of the Williams Center (near the north entrance doors of the fieldhouse), and must leave some form of collateral, such as a driver's license or credit card while using the ALD. In addition, ASL interpreters will be on site in a designated area.
- The public restrooms in the Williams Center are accessible.
- Graduates who need hearing, mobility or other accommodations for either ceremony can make arrangements by contacting Sara Vogt at vogts@uww.edu.



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This seating map indicates where students will be seated according to college and how they will process (walk in) and recess (walk out).

Pro tip: Sitting on an aisle where your student is likely to process or recess can let you take some great photos from your seats. Students will cross the stage from right to left as they receive their degree. This seating map can also be found at www.edu/commencement.

