



WINGATE UNIVERSITY

Commencement INFORMATION

SPRING 2021

Information for Family & Guests

CEREMONY DETAILS

Graduate Commencement and Hooding **Friday, May 14, 9 a.m.**

Undergraduate Commencements **Saturday, May 15**

College of Arts & Sciences **9 a.m.**

College of Professional Studies, School of Business &
Department of Nursing **1 p.m.**

Belated 2020 Commencement **Sunday, May 16, 9 a.m.**

All ceremonies will take place in the Academic Quad, weather permitting.

TICKETS, SEATING & VIEWING

Because of Covid-19 occupancy limitations from the CDC and NCDHHS, each graduate may invite a **maximum of four guests**. Tickets will be required; students should check their email for information on ticketing. Guests should be sure to bring their ticket to the ceremony. In order to accommodate four guests per graduate, faculty attendance will be limited and marked by “reserved seating” designations. Seating will be socially distant, first-come, first-served, and not all seats will be in shaded areas.

Even though the ceremony will be outdoors, masks will be required. All seating in the Academic Quad will be accessible, as folding chairs can be easily moved to make room for a wheelchair, walker, or stroller. Guests are advised to arrive early.

A link to the live video feed will be available as will a limited number of seats in Austin Auditorium for *ticketed* guests who prefer to sit indoors.

If the ceremony is moved to Cuddy Arena because of inclement weather, seating will be limited because of current public health occupancy limits. As a result, guests—in a rain situation—may be required to view the ceremony through the live feed. Special needs guests will be accommodated in every way possible within the context of public health and safety.





PARKING

Parking for commencement is available in all campus parking lots. There is no cost to park. Campus safety and other staff will be available to direct guests to the Academic Quad. Guests are advised to arrive early in order to park and walk to the Academic Quad.

Handicap parking permits are required to park in handicap spots. Those with permits are encouraged to enter the campus by turning north from U.S. 74 onto North Main Street. Turn right onto Cedar Street and then left into the *Faculty Parking Lot*. This lot is accessible to the Academic Quad. If you require additional assistance, please look for Campus Safety.

RESTROOMS

Restrooms will be available in Austin Auditorium, as well as in the Burris, Hayes, Bridges and Smith buildings.

PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEO

You may take pictures. Professional photographers are also present at Commencement to take pictures of graduates as they receive their diplomas. The QR code to the right will take you to a photo gallery. The photography studio will provide ordering information to graduates the week after Commencement. If you do not receive ordering information, please visit the photographer’s website: www.ifitsdigital.com.



Graduates and guests can also take pictures after the ceremonies at campus landmarks.

A live-stream of the ceremony will also be available. Find appropriate links on page 9.

INCLEMENT WEATHER PLAN

If there is heavy rain or thunderstorms, the ceremony will take place in Cuddy Arena in the Cannon Complex. Graduates will be notified by email if there is a rain delay or shift in location; or you may check the university website.

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Information for Graduates

FAQS

I am graduating. How do I find out about requirements, the Commencement ceremony and other important information?

First, you must apply for graduation. It's a graduation requirement. After you apply, the Office of the Registrar, Student Financial Planning, the Business Office, and other campus offices will contact you sometime between the time you apply and graduation. Visit the Commencement section on the website for updates, as the pandemic may necessitate changes. Also, check your email regularly.

When is the Commencement ceremony?

Because of Covid-19, there will be multiple ceremonies held between May 14-16. Be sure you mark your calendar for your ceremony. Here is the list of who is graduating when:

Events of May 14

- Graduate student commencement and hooding will take place at 9 a.m.
Livestream: <https://youtu.be/oBr6-sXEgcs>

Events of May 15

Two undergraduate ceremonies will be held.

- Graduates from the College of Arts and Sciences will attend the 9 a.m. ceremony.
Livestream: <https://youtu.be/CoUfur5SBo4>
- Graduates from the College of Professional Studies, School of Business, and Department of Nursing will attend the 1 p.m. ceremony.
Livestream: <https://youtu.be/JweQ5peJtiA>

Events of May 16

- Belated 2020 commencement will be held at 9 a.m.
Livestream: <https://youtu.be/mJsUVo3m3dU>

All ceremonies will be held in the Academic Quad. Line up on Church Street between the Ethel K. Smith Library and Wingate Baptist Church 45 minutes prior to your ceremony start time.

How do I purchase a cap and gown?

The easiest way is to visit the Herff-Jones website:
colleges.herffjones.com/college/wingate

- Undergraduates need a bachelor's degree gown and cap.
- Graduate students receiving a MAED, MAT, MBA, MASM, MPAS, MAC or EdS degree are required to have a master's gown, hood, and cap.
- Students receiving a Doctor of Education, Doctor of Pharmacy or Doctor of Physical Therapy degree are required to have the doctoral gown, hood, tam, and tassel set.

As is custom, the University reserves the right to remove a degree candidate from the Commencement ceremony if the candidate is not wearing the approved Wingate regalia as shown on page 12 and 13. Questions regarding regalia should be emailed to Commencement@wingate.edu. Candidates are highly encouraged to use Herff-Jones exclusively, as their website has correct information on approved WU regalia.

Commencement rehearsal

Wingate does not have Commencement rehearsal.

What is the dress code?

Please review regalia specifications found on page 12. Caps and gowns are required. Stoles and fraternity cords are permitted. Honor cords are distributed prior to the Commencement lineup. "Sunday" dress is considered appropriate for both men and women. Ladies should wear dresses, skirts or dress trousers. Men should wear trousers and shirts with collars. Black shoes and socks are preferred. Guests should follow the same dress code. Women should exercise caution if wearing heels; not all walking will occur on pavement.

How are graduation honors calculated?

Undergraduate graduation honors are calculated using all college work attempted, but transfer work cannot raise the Wingate University GPA. Cumulative GPA is calculated by taking all quality points and dividing that by all hours attempted. GPAs are not rounded. As an example, if you have a 3.999, it will not be rounded to a 4.00.

Graduation honors are notated on your diploma, on your transcript and in the commencement program. Your honors are also announced during the commencement ceremony. Due to the limited amount of time between final grades and commencement, honors may not be completely accurate.

Graduation honors are as follows:

- Cum laude = 3.500 to 3.649
(Doctors of Pharmacy and Physical Therapy: Cum laude = 3.50 to 3.69)
- Magna cum laude = 3.650 to 3.899
(Doctors of Pharmacy and Physical Therapy: Magna cum laude = 3.70 to 3.89)
- Summa cum laude = 3.900 to 4.000
(Doctors of Pharmacy and Physical Therapy: Summa cum laude = 3.90 to 4.00)

Please contact the Office of the Registrar if you have questions on how to calculate your GPA.

Where do I purchase my class ring?

You can purchase your class ring online from Herff-Jones, the official graduation vendor of Wingate University. Their website makes it easy. You can purchase graduation announcements and diploma frames from Herff-Jones as well. colleges.herffjones.com/college/wingate

If I do not participate in Commencement, when will I receive my diploma?

Wingate hopes you will participate in the Commencement ceremony to mark this important achievement and allow us to celebrate your milestone. Please notify the Office of the Registrar if you do not plan to attend. For May 2021 graduates, your diploma will be mailed out a week or so after Commencement. August 2021 graduates who are walking this May will receive their diploma after it is conferred in August. May 2020 and December 2020 graduates should have already received their diplomas. Please contact the Office of the Registrar if you have not.

I have completed my academic course requirements, but I have not completed my Lyceum Series. Will I be able to receive my diploma?

No. The Lyceum Series is a graduation requirement. You will not be eligible to walk in the Commencement ceremony, and your degree will not be awarded until the Lyceum requirement is fulfilled. The Lyceum Series only applies to undergraduate students (excluding those in the BLS program).

How long will seniors who live on campus have to check out of their on-campus housing?

Please monitor your email for details and contact the Office of Residence Life for more information.

If you have more questions, we will do our best to get you the answers you need. Please contact us at commencement@wingate.edu.

Academic Regalia

Bachelors Regalia



- Black robe with twin front pleats, long sleeves, and a zipper closure.
- The robe should fall around mid-shin length.
- Mortarboards (cap) with black tassels.
- Stoles (shown in left photo) are permitted to be worn.



Doctoral Regalia

- Black Doctoral robe with bell sleeves and three chevrons on each sleeve in your discipline color, fine pleating velvet panels from the hemline to the center of the back, also in your discipline colors.
- The robe should fall at ankle length.
- Doctoral hood (longer and wider than masters hoods).
- 8-pointed Tam (cap) with appropriate colored tassels
 - Pharmacy – Olive Green
 - Education – Light Blue
 - Physical Therapy - Gold



Masters Regalia



- Black robe with elongated sleeve extensions draping below the wrist openings.
- The robe should fall around mid-shin to ankle length.
- Mortarboards (cap) with black tassels.
- Masters hood matching your degree:
 - Accounting - Drab
 - Education - Light Blue
 - Sport Management - Sage Green
 - Teaching - Light Blue
 - Business Administration - Drab
 - Physician Assistant Studies - Kelly Green

Masters robe with a properly displayed hood



Schedule of Events



Virtual Event



In Person Event

THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2021

Baccalaureate

Virtual



The May 2021 Baccalaureate will be available for viewing beginning at 7p.m. Traditionally held the day before commencement, baccalaureate is a centuries-old tradition of reflection, contemplation and worship. Check your email for a link to the service.

FRIDAY, MAY 14, 2021

9 a.m.
Lineup at
8:15 a.m.

2021 Graduate Commencement and Hooding

Academic Quad

Attire: Cap and gown

Livestream: <https://youtu.be/oBr6-sXEqs>



4 p.m.

Senior Salute

Cuddy Arena

If you are a graduating student-athlete, stay in contact with the Athletic Department and your coaching staff concerning this special opportunity for the Athletic Department to celebrate your achievements in the classroom. The department is monitoring guidelines to determine what type of event can be held.



SATURDAY, MAY 15, 2021

9 a.m.
Lineup at
8:15 a.m.

Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony

Academic Quad

College of Arts and Sciences

Attire: Cap and gown

Livestream: <https://youtu.be/CoUfur5SBo4>



1 p.m.
Lineup at
12:15 p.m.

Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony

College of Professional Studies, School of Business,
and Department of Nursing

Academic Quad

Attire: Cap and gown

Livestream: <https://youtu.be/JweQ5peJtiA>



SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2021

9 a.m.
Lineup at
8:15 a.m.

Belated 2020 Commencement Ceremony

Academic Quad

Livestream: <https://youtu.be/i6K1Ri5Mwxs>



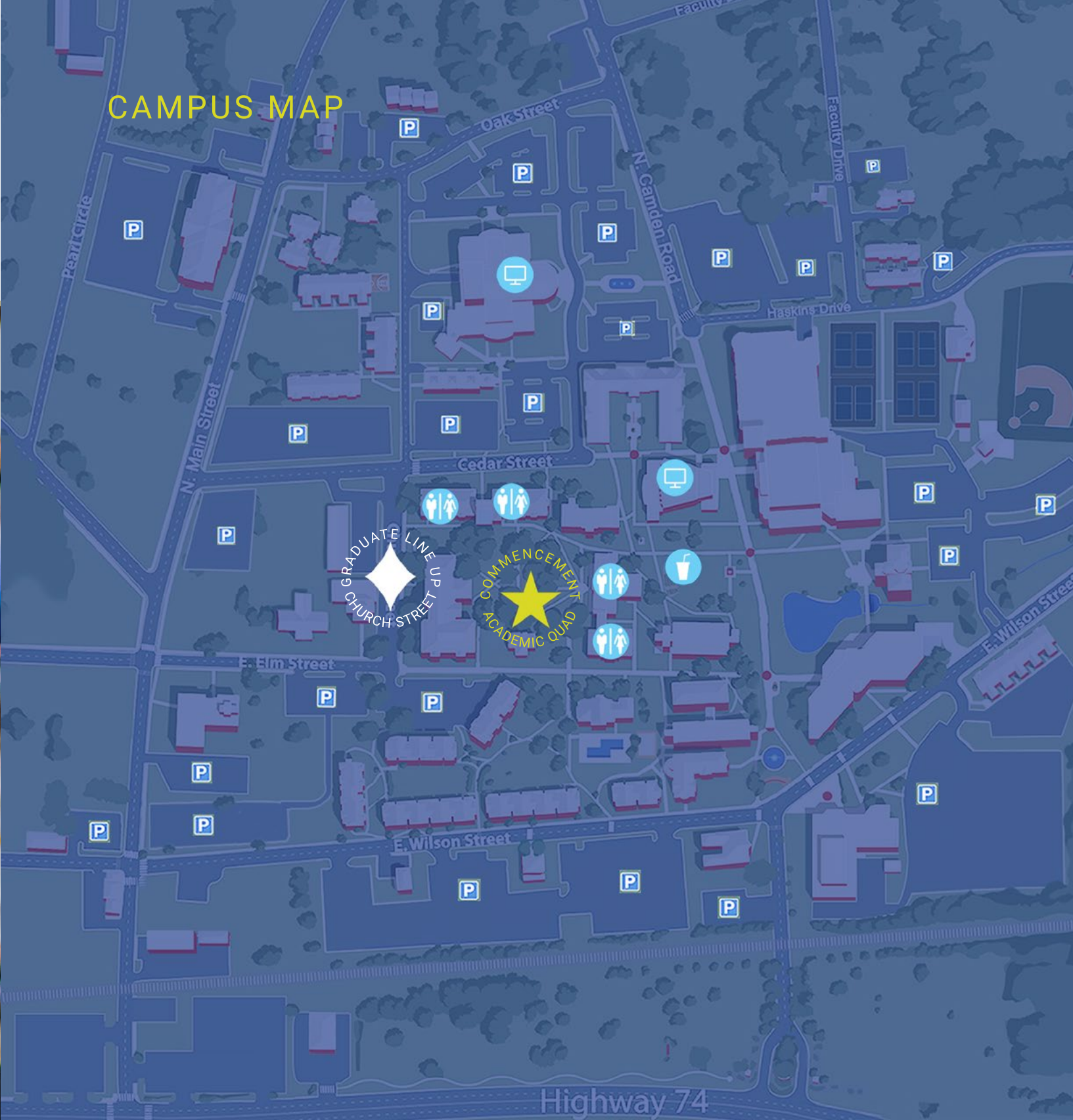
Please check your email regularly. We are committed to having an in-person commencement to allow as many graduates and guests as possible to celebrate together. However, we may be forced to make adjustments if public health guidelines and restrictions change.


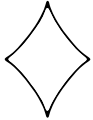







IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Registrar's Office:	704.233.8006
Wingate Outfitters:	704.233.8027
Campus Safety:	704.233.8999
Lyceum Office:	704.233.8708
Residence Life:	704.233.8245
Events:	704.233.8316



-  Commencement Location
-  Graduate Line Up Location
-  Restrooms
-  Refreshments
-  Live Stream Location

Accommodations

For local accommodations, please contact one of our preferred properties. Don't forget to mention that you are visiting Wingate University for your discounted rate.

1. **Fairfield Inn and Suites by Marriot** (8 miles from Wingate – approx. 15 minutes)
marriott.com/hotels/travel/cltfr-fairfield-inn-and-suites-charlotte-monroe/
1825 Williams Rd.
Monroe, N.C. 28110
Phone: 980-290-2190
2. **Holiday Inn Express** (8 miles from Wingate – approx. 15 minutes)
holidayinn.com
2505 W. Roosevelt Blvd.
Monroe, N.C. 28110
Phone: 704-774-1770
3. **Quality Inn & Suites** (8 miles from Wingate – approx. 20 minutes)
qualityinn.com
2351 W. Roosevelt Blvd. (across from Wal-Mart)
Monroe, N.C. 28110
Phone: 704-283-9600
4. **Best Western Inn & Suites** (8 miles from Wingate – approx. 20 minutes)
bestwestern.com
2316 Hanover Drive (across from Wal-Mart)
Monroe, N.C. 28110
Phone: 704-283-4746
Fax: 704-283-1815
5. **Hampton Inn** (9 miles from Wingate – approx. 20 minutes)
hamptoninn3.hilton.com
2368 Roland Drive (across from Chick-fil-A)
Monroe, N.C. 28110
Phone: 704-220-2200
Toll Free: 800-426-7866
6. **Quality Inn & Suites** (17 miles from Wingate – approx. 35 minutes)
qualityinn.com
13470 E. Independence Blvd. (Hwy. 74 near Cracker Barrel)
Matthews, N.C. 28105
Phone: 704-821-9800
7. **Courtyard by Marriott** (18 miles from Wingate - approx. 35 minutes)
marriott.com/courtyard
11425 E. Independence Blvd. (Hwy. 74 near Pizza Hut and I-485)
Matthews, N.C. 28105
Phone: 704-846-4466



