



Information for Graduate
Studies Commencement
Participants



COMMENCEMENT
JUNE 26, 2024

2024 COMMENCEMENT CALENDAR

Friday, March 1

Academic Regalia available to order – Free shipping to the College. **There is a \$15 charge to have your cap & gown shipped to your home.** <https://www.buildagrads.com/fisher> students.

Friday, June 9

Last day to settle financial obligations with the College: Check your “MyFisher” Account for a “\$0” balance.

Contact the **Bursar’s Office** by calling 617-236-5403 with any questions.

Last day to complete Commencement Participation Form and hand into the Registrar’s Office

Last day to arrange accommodations for guests with special needs, contact the Director of Accessibility Services, Dr. Ferna Phillips FPhillips@Fisher.edu

Friday, May 5

Last day to order Academic Regalia –Free shipping to the College. **There is a \$15 charge to have your cap & gown shipped to your home.** <https://www.buildagrads.com/fisher/students>

Wednesday, June 26

Commencement, 5:30pm (**Graduates must arrive promptly by 5:00pm**)

Fisher College Alumni Hall

Commencement Reception immediately following located at 118 Beacon Street – **All are welcome and encouraged to attend.**



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COMMENCEMENT CHECKLIST

Must be complete by:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Order cap, gown and tassel | March 1 - May 5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Settle financial obligations | Friday, June 9 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Complete Petition to Graduate/
Commencement Participation form | Friday, May 5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Guest Accessibility Request due | Friday, May 5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attend Commencement! | Wednesday, June 26 |

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Commencement, 5:30pm

(Graduates must arrive promptly by 5:00pm)

Fisher College Alumni Hall

118 Beacon Street, Boston MA 02116

Commencement Reception immediately following

All are welcome and encouraged to attend.



TICKETS

Graduate students are not limited to number of tickets at the ceremony. You will be asked to provide us with a number of attendees for planning purposes.

FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

All financial obligations to the College, including outstanding tuition, library fees, etc., must be satisfied by Friday, June 9th. Fisher College will **not** issue your diploma or any transcripts until your account is settled.

Please contact the Bursar's Office during their scheduled business hours to ensure your account is in good standing or to make arrangements for payment. You may reach the Bursar's Office by calling 617-236-5403.

FINANCIAL AID EXIT INTERVIEWS

All Graduate students are required to complete a Financial Aid Exit Interview if they receive financial aid. The Financial Aid Office will send the steps necessary to complete this interview after commencement, to your home address. We request that you complete this interview within the timeframe indicated. Should you have questions, please contact the Financial Aid office by calling 617-236-8821.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

You must be present for the staging at 5:00pm in order to participate in the ceremony.

Academic Attire

Academic attire is required for all students. Graduates are able to choose the address their regalia is mailed to. Graduate students will be hooded during the ceremony.

At the Commencement ceremony, academic hoods are the only acceptable items to wear on the outside of the gown; no other ornamentation is permitted.

***Please remember the importance of this special day; dress appropriately.**

Line-up/Seating

All students attending commencement **MUST** arrive and check in at Alumni Hall by 5:00pm.

***Please note that Commencement is a dignified, respectful event. We understand your guests are excited to witness you embark on new endeavors, but as a courtesy to other graduates, please encourage them to keep verbal cheering to a minimum. Noisemakers, horns, balloons, etc. are not allowed in the ceremony.**

DIPLOMAS

Students who are currently enrolled in their final classes, or have two or less classes left, may walk at the ceremony but will receive an empty diploma case. Graduates who completed their program in the prior August or December will also receive an empty diploma case if their diploma was previously mailed to them. Any student who has not cleared all obligations to the college will have their diploma held.

A representative will be available in the Registrar's Office on campus, following the ceremony during the reception. Any questions, outstanding balances, incomplete obligations, etc. may be addressed and may be satisfied during this time.

POST CEREMONY RECEPTION

There will be a reception immediately following the ceremony. This is a great time for additional photo opportunities and to mingle with fellow classmates, faculty, and staff. We look forward to seeing you there!

ACADEMIC REGALIA

All regalia (gown, cap, and tassel) must be ordered online by the student. Orders can be made beginning March 1, 2024. All orders must be completed by May 5, 2024.

Please log on to <https://www.buildagrad.com/fisher/students> to place your order. Please email Registrar@Fisher.edu for any questions or concerns.

Students may choose to have their regalia sent to the college for pickup in the Registrar's Office free of charge (108 Beacon Street, 1st floor). Regalia may be picked up June 24-26, 2024, between 9:00am - 3:00pm.

Graduates will have the opportunity to have regalia mailed directly to their preferred mailing address for a \$15 fee.

If you do not pick-up your regalia, we will have it for pick-up at Commencement.

You will receive an email once your regalia registration is complete.

- The email will be from **Build a Grad**. This email order confirmation contains all the necessary details regarding your regalia order. Your order number will be on this confirmation.
- Please print the Build a Grad form or bring it on your mobile device if you are having your regalia shipped to and picking up at Fisher College.

A Brief History of Regalia

The dress worn by faculty and graduates during Commencement ceremonies is based upon costumes used in 14th- and 15th-century universities, particularly Oxford and Cambridge in England. This style of academic dress and accouterments has been used in the United States from colonial times and it was standardized by an Intercollegiate Code in 1895. Like the military of medieval times with its pages, squires, and knights, the academic world has long recognized three basic levels of dignity and achievement; these are: associate, bachelor's and master's.

The variety of styles and colors seen in a faculty procession reflects the fact that each college and university retain its own distinguishing customs as especially revealed by the design of its doctoral robes. When a university is granted the right to confer doctoral degrees, one of the privileges that accompany that right is the opportunity to design unique and distinctive regalia for its graduates.

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PHOTOGRAPHY

The College has made arrangements for each graduate to be photographed while shaking hands with President Steve Rich. These photographs are taken by an outside company, [GradImages](#). You will receive an envelope within a few weeks of commencement. This envelope will contain order instructions. To ensure you receive this packet, please make sure your address is up to date at Fisher College.

VIDEOGRAPHY

Commencement is recorded and will be available on the College's official YouTube channel on Thursday, June 27, 2024. Visit www.fisher.edu/commencement-2024 for a direct link.

COMMENCEMENT ACCOMMODATIONS

Guests with Special Needs

The College would like to accommodate your guests with special needs in the most efficient and helpful way possible. If you have guests with special needs who will be attending Commencement, please complete the related section on the Commencement Participation Form. If you have additional questions or concerns, you may contact Dr. Ferna Phillips, Director of Accessibility Services by email: FPhillips@Fisher.edu or call 617-670-4429. This will ensure that all necessary arrangements will be made prior to Commencement.

Parking

The Boston Common Parking Garage

Zero Charles Street

Boston, MA 02116

Phone: Main Office: 617-954-2098

E-mail: bcg@massconvention.com

Please check their website for additional details. <http://bostoncommongarage.com>

Directions

From the Mass Pike (I 90)

Take Mass Pike Eastbound to the Prudential Exit and stay right for Copley Place. Continue on Stuart Street and take left on Charles Street South, which will turn into Charles Street after the first traffic light. Enter the garage via the Charles Street entrance ramp.

From the Southeast Expressway (I 93/RT. 3 North)

Take exit 20 toward I-90, Airport & South Station. Then, take a left toward South Station. At the light Turn left (West) onto Kneeland St. Kneeland Street becomes Stuart Street from Stuart Street, take a right on Charles Street. Follow Charles Street for one block, then enter the garage via the ramp on your right.

From 93 South

Take exit 26 toward Storrow Drive-North Station, then follow Storrow Drive heading westbound. Take the Back Bay / Copley Square exit on your left. At the end of the exit, take a left. Then take your first right onto Arlington Street. At second light, take a left onto



Boylston Street. At second light, take a left onto Charles Street. Enter the garage via the ramp on your right.

From Storrow Drive

If you're coming on Storrow Drive heading eastbound, take the Downtown / Boston exit. Turn left on Beacon Street, then take your first right onto Arlington Street. Turn left onto Boylston Street, then take a slight left onto Charles Street. Enter the garage via the ramp on your right.

