



Commencement 2026

Information for Graduate and Professional
Studies

Undergraduate

Commencement Participants

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COMMENCEMENT CHECKLIST

Must be complete by:

- Order cap, gown and tassel Jan. 29 – March 22
- Settle financial obligations Tuesday, March 10
- Complete Financial Aid Exit Interview Tuesday, March 10
- Complete Petition to Graduate/
Commencement Participation form Sunday, March 22
- Guest Accommodation Request due Monday, April 27
- Attend Commencement!

9:45 a.m. sharp on May 9th!

***Back Bay Events Center
180 Berkeley Street
corner of Berkeley and Stuart Streets
Boston, MA 02116***



TICKETS

Each student will receive **FOUR** guest tickets. Tickets may be picked up from the Registrar's Office ***at a later date that will be emailed to you*** or you may pick them up at the "will call" desk on the day of commencement. Tickets are required for admission to Commencement ceremony. Every attendee of Commencement must have a ticket. Children under the age of 3 who will remain seated upon a lap will not require a ticket. ***Guests who show up to commencement after the start of Commencement on May 9, 2026 may have delayed entrance to the event.***

ACADEMIC REGALIA

Academic attire is required for all students. Graduates are able to choose the address where their regalia will be shipped.

All regalia (gown, cap, and tassel) must be ordered online by the student. Orders can be made beginning Tuesday, January 29, 2026. All orders must be completed by Sunday, March 22, 2026. Please log on to <https://www.buildagrads.com/fisher/students> to place your order. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Registrar's Office – Registrar@Fisher.edu

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 this form or bring it on your mobile device if you are having your regalia shipped to Fisher College when picking up your regalia.

ACADEMIC HONORS

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

Academic Honor Cords will be distributed in the robing area only to students who have completed their degree. If you have not satisfied all requirements, you will be unable to wear Academic Honor Cords.

At Fisher College, our students are distinguished in the following manner:

- Black mortarboard tassel signifies a Bachelor's degree.
- Blue and white mortarboard tassel signifies an Associate's degree or Certificate.
- Gold cords signify a graduate's Cum Laude or Honor status.
- Gold stole and royal blue & gold intertwined cord signify a member of the Golden Key Honor Society.
- Platinum stole and platinum & dark blue intertwined cord signify a member of the Psi Chi Honor Society.
- Gold & blue intertwined cord and medallion signify a member of the Alpha Phi Sigma Honor Society.
- Red, White & Blue cords signify current member of the U. S. Military or Veteran and/or member of SALUTE honor society
- Gray & blue cord signify a member of Tri-Alpha
- Red stole and red & black cords signify Sigma Tau
- Gray stole and gray & black cords signify a member of NSLS
- Gold mortarboard tassel signifies a member of the Fisher College Honors Program.
- Silver cord signifies Salutatorian.

DIPLOMAS

Graduates will receive their diploma while marching on the stage. The December 31, 2025 graduates will receive an empty diploma case, as formal diplomas were mailed to the address provided to the Registrar's Office. Students, who are considered "WALKERS" at commencement,



will receive an empty diploma case, but will receive their official diploma after the next degree conferral period upon completion of all requirements. Any student who has not cleared all obligations to the college will have their diploma held.

FINANCIAL OBLICATIONS

All financial obligations to the College, including outstanding tuition and fees must be satisfied by **Tuesday, March 10, 2026** in order to receive a diploma. Students who receive financial aid must complete a financial aid exit interview. Contact the Bursar's Office (617-236-5403) and Financial Aid (617-236-8821) if you have any questions.

PHOTOGRAPHY

The College has made arrangements for each graduate to be photographed while shaking hands with the President. These photographs are taken by an outside company, *gradimages.com*. 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 professionally recorded and will be available on the College's official Youtube channel no later than Monday, May 11th 2026. Visit www.fisher.edu/commencement for a direct link.

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

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Graduates Arrival

All students attending commencement **MUST** arrive and check in for the graduate line-up by 9:45 a.m. SHARP to participate in the procession and seating.

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

*Please note that Commencement is a dignified, respectful event. We understand that 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.***

Guest Arrival

Doors open at 10:15 a.m. Guests should plan to be seated prior to the 11:00 a.m. start of the ceremony. Ceremony will last approximately 90 minutes.

Guests with Special Accommodations

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 section on the Commencement Participation Form. If you have additional questions or concerns, you may contact Dr. Fern L. Phillips, Director of Accessibility Services FPhillips@Fisher.edu, (617) 670-4431. This will ensure that all necessary



arrangements will be made prior to Commencement. We kindly ask that all requests are made prior to Monday, April 27, 2026 to ensure proper planning time. ***Please ask your guests to arrive by 10:00 a.m. so that they are seated before the Academic Procession, which begins at 11:00 a.m.***

DIRECTIONS

John Hancock Hall is located within just blocks of Fisher College and several MBTA stations. Visit www.mbta.com

- **Back Bay Station:** servicing Commuter Rail, Amtrak, and the Orange Line. Located on Dartmouth St. between Stuart St. and Columbus Ave., and on Clarendon St. near Columbus Ave.
- **Copley Square Station:** servicing the Green Line. Located at 640 Boylston St. and 230 Dartmouth St.
- **Arlington Street Station:** servicing the Green Line. Located at 300 Boylston St. and 20 Arlington St.

From the North (I-93 South or Rt. 1 South)

Take the Storrow Drive exit (26) off Interstate 93 South. Follow signs for Copley Square. Take the Copley Square exit and turn right onto Beacon Street. Drive two blocks and turn left onto Clarendon Street. Drive six blocks and turn left onto Stuart Street. The facility is located one block ahead on the left at the corner of Berkeley and Stuart Streets.

From the South (I-93 North)

Take the Mass Ave. exit off Interstate 93 North. Continue straight through two sets of lights and stay right toward Frontage Road/Ted Williams Tunnel. From the left lane, follow signs for South End/Back Bay and turn left onto East Berkeley Street. Continue on East Berkeley to Columbus Avenue onto Berkeley Street. The facility is located one block ahead on the left at the corner of Berkeley and Stuart Streets.

From the West (Mass Turnpike/I-90)

Take the Copley Square exit, following signs for Copley Square. You will come to street level at Stuart Street. Continue on Stuart Street. The facility is located three blocks ahead on the left at the corner of Berkeley and Stuart Streets.

From the East (Logan International Airport)

Take the Sumner or Ted Williams Tunnel (I-90 West) toward Downtown Boston and merge onto Interstate 93 North. Take the Storrow Drive exit off I-93 North and follow signs for Copley Square. Take the Copley Square exit and turn right onto Beacon Street. Drive two blocks and turn left onto Clarendon Street. Drive six blocks and turn left onto Stuart Street. The facility is located one block ahead on the left at the corner of Berkeley and Stuart Streets.

Parking

Parking for John Hancock Hall is conveniently located one block from the facility at the Garage @ 100 Clarendon.

Visit www.100clarendon.com

*The Garage @ 100 Clarendon will validate parking for John Hancock Hall, please see attendant inside the lobby at the John Hancock Hall.

*Fisher College will not be responsible for any validation.

Hotel Accommodations

The City of Boston and our Back Bay neighborhood is home to numerous hotels in a wide range of prices. We suggest making hotel reservations as early as possible as the springtime Commencement season can be very busy.