



Congratulations, Class of 2019!

Commencement is just 85 days away.

We will share important information with you in emails in the weeks and months ahead. In this email, you will find:

- Schedule of Commencement events
- How to rent your cap and gown
- Information about the Graduation Application

Commencement information and updates can be found at law.nd.edu/commencement. Check out the [FAQs page](#), which will be updated regularly.

Please share this information with your family and friends. If they would like to receive Commencement information and updates from us, they can [sign up for our email list](#).

Commencement Weekend Schedule



Note: Some of these events require tickets.

We will send you ticket information for the Law School events in another email like this one in mid-March. You will request tickets for the University Commencement Ceremony through the Graduation Application, which is described at the bottom of this email.

Friday, May 17

Awards Ceremony

2:30 p.m., [SEP] Washington Hall

This event is by invitation only for students receiving honors, dean's list, and class awards. Invitations will be sent in mid-to-late April.

Seating is limited. Tickets are required for family and friends. Doors will open at 2:00 p.m.

A reception with light refreshments will follow at the Law School for all graduates and their guests.

Saturday, May 18

Prayer Service

9:30 a.m., [SEP] Basilica of the Sacred Heart

[SEP] It's a tradition for the Law School's Commencement activities to begin with a prayer service for the entire class. (Note: This is not a Mass.) Graduates will line up at the Law School at 9:00 a.m. and process together to the Basilica.

Seating is limited. Tickets will be required for family and friends.

Class Photo

10:10 a.m., Steps of the Main Building

At the conclusion of the prayer service, the Law School's Class of 2019 will gather with faculty on the steps of Notre Dame's Main Building for a class photo. Please join your

classmates for the photo, even if you choose not to attend the prayer service.

Brunch

Exact time and location to be determined

All law graduates as well as family and friends are invited to eat brunch together. There will be a charge for brunch. More information about the venue and ticket price will be shared at a later date.

Diploma and Hooding Ceremony

12:30 p.m., Hesburgh Library Reflecting Pool

Each law graduate will walk across the stage and receive his or her diploma. Hooding refers to the placement of an academic hood over your shoulders to signify the completion of your law degree. Graduates need to begin lining up at noon. Seating is plentiful at the ceremony. No tickets are required.

University Commencement Mass*

5:00 p.m.,

Joyce Center, Purcell Pavilion

Mass will be celebrated for all of the University's graduates in Notre Dame's basketball arena. *Attendance is optional for Law School graduates.

Sunday, May 19

University Commencement Ceremony*

9:30 a.m.,

Notre Dame Stadium

This ceremony is for all University of Notre Dame graduates. This year's speaker is Wall Street Journal columnist [Peggy Noonan](#), a former speechwriter for President Ronald Reagan. *Attendance is optional for Law School graduates.

Tickets are required, but seating is unlimited.

Other Events

Many events will be happening on campus during Commencement Weekend that the University has organized for all graduates. The schedule above lists the official Law School events. More information about the overall University events, including the University Mass and Commencement Ceremony, can be found at commencement.nd.edu.



Renting your cap and gown

You will rent your doctoral gowns, hoods, and tams through the Hammes Bookstore.

The rental cost is \$128.

To rent your academic apparel, visit the Grad Fair on **March 19** at the Hammes Bookstore or stop by the Hammes Bookstore between **March 20-April 19**.

More information is available [here](#).

Graduation Application

On March 1, the University Registrar will send you a link to the Graduation Application. You must fill out the application to verify your name as it should appear on your diploma, and your name and hometown as they should appear in the Commencement program.

You will also request tickets for the University Commencement Ceremony through the Graduation Application. We understand that you may need to answer some of the same questions in forms from the University and from the Law School, and we appreciate your prompt and complete answers to all requests.

Hooding by a family member

Most of Notre Dame Law School's graduates are hooded by one of the Law School faculty members onstage.

However, you can be hooded onstage by a close family member if that family member is a Notre Dame Law School graduate, a graduate of Notre Dame who obtained his or her J.D. at another law school, a Notre Dame faculty member or academic officer, a member of the judiciary, or a law professor, current or retired, whether at Notre Dame or elsewhere.

If you would like to have a family member hood you, please email Denise Wager, dwager@nd.edu, by April 5.

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