



Commencement 2023

Dear Class of 2023,

Commencement is almost here, and we are so excited to celebrate with you! Please read this email carefully for specific instructions for all law commencement events.

Commencement Schedule & Graduate Arrival Times

[Download a print-friendly map of Law Commencement events.](#)

Awards Ceremony

Friday, May 19, 1:30 p.m., Dahnke Ballroom, Duncan Student Center
Attire: Business professional

- Dahnke Ballroom is on the seventh floor of Duncan Student Center. Graduates and guests can use either the north or south elevators to reach the ballroom.
- Graduates should arrive no later than 1 p.m. and find their assigned seat.
- Each graduate will walk across the stage to receive their award(s).

Prayer Service

Saturday, May 20, 8:45 a.m., Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Attire: Wear your cap, gown, and hood

- Line up on the sidewalk to the west of Biolchini Hall no later than 8:30 a.m.
- JSD and LLM students will go first, followed by the JD students. You don't need to be in alphabetical order.
- Graduates will sit together as guided by faculty marshals.

Class Photo

Saturday, May 20, 9:30 a.m., Steps of the Main Building

- Please join your classmates for the photo, even if you choose not to attend the prayer service
- A professional photographer will be there to take the class photo, and we will share the high-res photo files with the entire class. We request that guests stand back and give the photographer space to take the photo.

Hooding Ceremony

Saturday, May 20, 10:30 a.m., Joyce Center, Purcell Pavilion

Attire: Wear your cap and gown, carry your hood

- Graduates should enter Gate 8 (highlighted below) no later than 10 a.m.
- Guests should enter Gate 10, also highlighted below.



Hooding Ceremony instructions for graduates:

- As you enter Gate 8, staff will confirm that you are wearing your regalia correctly and help you line up in alphabetical order.
- You will receive a name card at lineup. Please bring it with you to the stage.
- At 10:25 a.m. commencement marshals, Professors Emily Bremer and Mike Jenuwine, will lead your class into the arena.
- You may sit down as soon as you reach your seat.
- The ceremony will begin with an opening prayer, followed by a speech from Professor of the Year Bruce Huber after which is the hooding. The marshals will direct you out of your seats and up to the stage.
- Our J.S.D. graduate will be hooded first, followed by LL.M. graduates, and then J.D. graduates.
- Your name, hometown, and Latin honors* will be announced as you cross the stage.
 - ** Because spring grades are not final, the Latin honors announced at the ceremony and printed in the commencement program will be based on your first five semesters of law school. If your honors change with your spring grades, the University will mail you a new commencement program with updated honors.*
- A photographer will take your picture when you are onstage and again in front of a backdrop after you exit the stage.
- Graduates are to return to their original seat.

Lunch

Saturday, May 20, 12 p.m., Debartolo Quad

- Check in with your guests at the tent.

- The buffet lunch will have some vegetarian and gluten-free options.
- We ask for your patience as we serve over 1,100 people at the lunch.

Other University events

- Please see [this link](#) for instructions for the University-wide Mass and Commencement Ceremony.
- Law graduates attending the University Ceremony on Sunday should meet under the Law School arch at 8:15 a.m.

How to wear your regalia

You will wear your cap, gown, and hood to the Prayer Service.

For the Hooding Ceremony, you will wear your cap and gown, and carry your hood.

Cap:

- The law cap has a gold tassel attached to it. You do not need to wear the purple tassel that you received with your regalia; that is a souvenir for you to keep.
- Your cap should be worn so the gold tassel lays on the left, front.

Hood:

- A small loop at the bottom of the hood can be connected to a button inside the front zipper of the gown to keep it in place.
- At the Hooding Ceremony, you will carry your hood on your right arm. Make sure the back of the hood is unbuttoned. The velvet side should face your wrist; the larger satin side should face your upper arm.

Ticket Pickup

If you have not picked up your guest tickets for the Prayer Service and Awards Ceremony, you may pick them up tomorrow (Friday, May 19) in 1334 Biolchini Hall.

Livestream links

Click here to view a livestream of the [Law School's Prayer Service](#).

Click here to view a livestream of the [Law School's Hooding Ceremony](#).

ADA Accessibility, Parking, Shuttle Map, and Golf Cart Information

ADA Accessibility

The Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Dahnke Ballroom, and Purcell Pavilion are all ADA accessible. There are ramps or elevators at all three locations. There is wheelchair seating at all locations. Special wheelchair tickets are not needed for any of the venues.

ADA Accessible Parking Spaces on Campus

Please visit map.nd.edu and enable the Accessible Parking overlay to view locations of accessible spaces on campus.

Guest Parking & Shuttle Map

Please see the guest parking and shuttle route [here](#).

Golf Carts

Please [click here](#) to view the operating times.

More information on disability services is available [here](#).

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