Thursday, December 14th @ 3 p.m. - Doctoral and Master’s Degree Ceremony
Friday, December 15th @ 1 & 4 p.m. - Bachelor’s Degree Ceremonies
(See website for college per ceremony listing)
Chester Fritz Auditorium
3475 University Avenue, Grand Forks, ND

What an exciting time for your UND student! This information about graduation should answer the questions you may have about the ceremony and resources available to graduates and their families. If you’d like more details about the ceremony and getting ready to graduate, visit und.edu/commencement.

Graduation Expo
Thursday, October 26th from 11am-4:15 pm
Loading Dock, Memorial Union, Main Floor
By attending the Grad Expo,...
Students earning bachelor’s degrees can purchase their cap, gown and tassel; doctoral and master’s candidates can rent a UND-custom gown, hood, cap/tam, and tassel. Students can check with the Registrar’s Office to verify their degree, name as it will appear on their diploma, and hometown for the commencement program. Students also have an opportunity to visit with other vendors who offer services to graduates.

The Order of General Commencement
Processional
Welcome and Introductions from the President Singing of America the Beautiful Conferring of Academic Degrees Alumni Greetings Singing of Alma Mater Recessional
The length of the each ceremony is determined by the number of degrees granted. UND commencement is open to the public and no tickets are required.

Commencement Day
Traditional academic apparel is required to participate in commencement and is available through the University Bookstore.
• Undergraduate attire includes a mortar board, black gown, and tassel in the color of the student’s academic college. This apparel is available for purchase.
• Master’s attire is a UND custom black master’s gown, black tassel, mortar board, and a master’s hood in the color of the student’s academic discipline. This apparel is rented, worn on graduation day and the gown and hood are returned after the ceremony.
• Doctoral attire is a UND custom black doctoral gown, tam, black tassel, and a doctoral hood lined in the color of your student’s academic discipline. This apparel is rented, worn on graduation day and the gown and hood are returned. Doctoral students do have the option of purchasing their academic apparel.

Guest Seating
Outside doors to commencement facilities open early; however, doors to the auditorium for guest seating will open 60 minutes before the start of the ceremony.

Commencement Live
The ceremony is webcast live; go to UND.edu on the day of the ceremony to connect to the event.
University Bookstore
UND Bookstore, 775 Hamline Street

- Undergraduate students can pick up and pay for their academic regalia at the Expo. Students can also pick up and pay for regalia at the Bookstore or order online by November 3 at herffjones.com/college/UND.
- Graduate students will be able to rent a UND custom gown, hood, cap/tam, and tassel through herffjones.com/college/UND. The deadline for ordering online is November 3. Students can rent regalia at the Expo and through the University Bookstore until November 20. Rented regalia will be available for pick up in the University Bookstore December 7-15.
- Personalized graduation announcements printed with your student’s name, degree, and major/minor can be ordered at herffjones.com/college/UND. Allow 3-4 weeks for delivery. Generic announcements are available for purchase at the Bookstore.
- Class Rings can be ordered anytime. Please allow 6-8 weeks for delivery.
- Diploma Frames. Hardwood frames embossed with the University name and seal are available for all degrees conferred by UND. Sizes are 8.5”X11” for undergraduate and master’s diplomas; 12”x15” for doctoral diplomas. NOTE: 20% off frames October 26 online, in the UND Bookstore or at the Grad Expo.
- UND Thank You cards are also available for purchase.

For more information, visit UND.bkstr.com or call 701.777.4980. The University Bookstore will have a table of merchandise at the Chester Fritz Auditorium on commencement day.

Disability Accommodations and Accessible Seating for Candidates and Guests
Wheelchairs are available and it’s advisable to call ahead to reserve one. If you need to reserve a seat for special accommodations, call 701.777.6393.

An American Sign Language interpreter will be present to sign the ceremony.

To request the program in alternative format or other accommodations, contact the Office of Ceremonies & University Events at 701.777.6393 two weeks prior to the ceremony.

Parking
Ample parking is available south of the Chester Fritz Auditorium and is free of charge.

Diplomas
It will take approximately eight weeks for your student to receive their diploma. Your student should have updated their “home” address and phone number on Campus Connection because this is the address used to mail diplomas.

Greater Grand Forks
The Convention and Visitors Bureau offers visitor information, including hotel room availability, to help friends and families make arrangements for their commencement visit. Call the CVB at 701.746.0444 or go to visitgrandforks.com.

UND Alumni Association & Foundation
Students are invited to Connect. Engage. Grow. as part of the UND alumni family. If you would like more information about the UND Alumni Association and the services they offer, contact them at:
3501 University Avenue, Stop 8157
Grand Forks, ND 58202-8157
800.543.8764 or 701.777.2611
UNDalumni.org

All graduates and their families are invited to a reception for the UND Class of 2017 at the Gorecki Alumni Center 3501 University Avenue Friday, December 15th from 2-3:30 p.m.

Connect with us on Facebook
Follow the UND Ceremonies and University Events page for more information on the 2017 class event and watch for graduation updates.

Still have more questions?
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