SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2018
9 a.m. – Graduate Degrees Ceremony
1:30 p.m. - Undergraduate Degrees Ceremony
Alerus Center, 1200 42nd Street South, Grand Forks, ND

What an exciting time for your UND student! This information about graduation will answer 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 commencement.und.edu.

Graduation Expo
Tuesday, April 3rd from 11am- 4:15 pm
Loading Lock, Memorial Union
By attending the Grad Expo....
Undergraduate students can purchase their cap, gown and tassel; graduate students 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 a 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
Greetings from State Board of Higher Education
Presentation of Chester Fritz Distinguished Professors (if awarded)
Conferring of Honorary Degrees (if awarded)
Speaker (if presenting)
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 the 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 regalia.

Guest Seating
Outside doors to commencement facilities open early; however, doors to the auditorium for guest seating will open 90 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. Graduation is also broadcast live on Grand Forks Cable Channel 3 so those guests not able to attend can watch it live in the Grand Forks area.
University Bookstore
UND Bookstore, 775 Hamline Street

• If your undergraduate student attends the Grad Expo, they can pick up and pay for regalia that day. Students can also pick up and pay for regalia at the bookstore or order online at herffjones.com/college/UND. The website will be open until midnight April 3rd.

• Graduate students will be able to rent a UND custom gown, hood, cap/tam, and tassel through herffjones.com/college/UND. The rental website is open until April 3rd. After that date, you can rent through the UND Bookstore. Regalia will be available for pick up in the University Bookstore after April 30th. Following the ceremony on May 12th, the gown and hood should be returned.

• 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 will be at a 50% discount at the Expo and are also 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. Frames are 20% off at the Graduation 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 Alerus Center on commencement day.

Disability Accomodations 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.

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.

Parking
Ample parking is available at the Alerus Center free of charge.

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
The UND Alumni Association & Foundation welcomes all new graduates to the University of North Dakota alumni family. Find them at:

3501 University Avenue, Stop 8157
Grand Forks, ND 58202-8157
701.777.2611
UNDalumni.org

UND Class of 2018
Spring Commencement Social
Saturday, May 12th | 9-11 am.
Gorecki Alumni Center

All are welcome!

Connect with us on Facebook
Follow the UND Ceremonies and University Events page for more information on the 2018 class event and watch for graduation updates.

Still have more questions? Contact:
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