The Graduate School at the University of Notre Dame hosts a Commencement ceremony specifically for doctoral and master’s students (business and law excluded). Students are invited to participate in both the Graduate School ceremony on Saturday, and the University Commencement exercises on Sunday, but the hooding of Ph.D. recipients and the conferral of graduate degrees will take place during the Graduate School program.

Gregory E. Sterling, dean of the Graduate School, will preside over the ceremony. Fr. John Jenkins, president of the University, the academic officers, and the college deans will be in attendance.

Confirmation of Attendance Is Required
Students eligible to participate in the Saturday ceremony must notify the Graduate School of their intent to attend by Tuesday, March 31. To let the Graduate School know whether you intend to participate in the ceremony, complete the online form at: http://graduateschool.nd.edu/rsvp. You must use Internet Explorer 5.1+ or Safari 1.1+ to complete this form.

If your plans change, please notify the Graduate School at (574) 631-5926 or mcollin5@nd.edu.

Venue
The 2009 Graduate School Commencement Ceremony will take place Saturday, May 16, at 10:00 a.m. in the Joyce Center, directly east of the stadium (building 1083 on the campus map). Tickets are not required.

Commencement Weekend: Tentative Schedule of Events

Friday, May 15
2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. Graduate School open house and reception, 5th floor of the Main Building. Students, staff, faculty and their guests are welcome.

Saturday, May 16
9:00 A.M. Assemble for academic procession, Joyce Center (North Dome). Enter through Gate 1 or 2. Guests enter through Gate 10.
9:40 A.M. Academic procession. (Cap and gown attire required.)
10:00 A.M. to 11:45 A.M. Graduate School Commencement Ceremony, Joyce Center (South Dome).
11:45 A.M. Outdoor tent reception adjacent to DeBartolo Performing Arts Center (DPAC) immediately following the ceremony. Light refreshments will be served.

4:15 P.M. Assemble for the academic procession for the Commencement Mass, Joyce Center (North Dome). Enter through Gate 2. Guests enter through Gate 10.
4:30 P.M. Academic procession. (Cap and gown attire required.)
5:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. Commencement Mass, Joyce Center (South Dome).

Sunday, May 17
11:30 A.M. Assemble for academic procession, Joyce Center (North Dome). Enter through Gate 3. Guests enter through Gate 10.
1:10 P.M. Academic procession. (Cap and gown attire required.)
2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. University Commencement Ceremony, Joyce Center (South Dome). Tickets for admission to the Commencement Exercises are required for parents and guests.
Ticket Requests
Graduate School Commencement Ceremony (Saturday, May 16):
Tickets are not required for this ceremony.

University Commencement Ceremony (Sunday, May 17):
The deadline for guest ticket requests for the University Commencement Ceremony is Friday, March 27. Graduate students may request up to two tickets for this event; due to high ticket demand, only students who plan to attend the ceremony should order tickets. Requests for tickets to this ceremony should be made directly through the Office of the Registrar on InsideND.

Visit http://registrar.nd.edu/commencement.shtml for more information.

Diploma and Commencement Program
Degree candidates eligible to graduate in May 2009 should visit http://registrar.nd.edu/DegreeCand_May.pdf to verify their name, degree, and hometown to ensure the Registrar has the correct information for both the printed Commencement Program and the diploma. If information needs to be changed, the request must be received by the Office of the Registrar, 105 Main Building, no later than Friday, March 20, or a $50.00 fee will be assessed.

Beginning June 2, in-absentia diplomas will be mailed to the home address on file with the Registrar’s Office if you need to update your address. Students are not required to attend either Commencement ceremony to receive their diploma.

Cap and Gown
Degree candidates and recipients who are planning to attend the Graduate School Commencement Ceremony are required to wear a cap and gown. The date for purchasing a custom doctoral gown for May 2009 graduation was February 27, but students may still rent gowns through the Hammes Bookstore.

For dates and additional information, see page 4 of this booklet, or contact Rhonda at the Hammes Bookstore (574) 631-8495. You may also visit the supplier website at http://www.herffjones.com/college/graduation.

Gowns may be returned to the bookstore after the Graduate School Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, or after the University Commencement Ceremony on Sunday.

The Graduate School Commencement Ceremony
Participating faculty and degree recipients and candidates enter through Gate 1 or 2 and assemble in the Joyce Center's Auxiliary Gym (North Dome) no later than 9:00 a.m., Saturday, May 16.

Marshals will line up participants and will lead the procession into the convocation hall at 9:40 a.m.

Doors will open for guest seating at 9:00 a.m. Guests should enter through Gate 10.

Graduates and degree candidates, please secure your valuables during the ceremony or leave them with your guests. The Graduate School and the Joyce Center cannot guarantee their safety if you leave them in the assembly area.

Photographer
King Shots Photography will be the official photographer for Saturday’s Commencement Ceremony. For more information on ordering pictures, see http://www.kingshots.com.

Guest Accommodations
Beginning March 16, information regarding on-campus Commencement weekend meals and accommodations will be available through the Commencement Accommodations Office. For more information, visit 115 McKenna Hall. Call (574) 631-7640 or see the Center for Continuing Education’s Web site at: http://cce.nd.edu/commencement.
Parking
The C1 and Special Event parking lots south of the stadium and the Joyce Center will be open for Saturday’s ceremony. Limited handicapped parking will be available near the building.

For more information, please contact Notre Dame Parking Office at (574) 631-5053 or parking@nd.edu.
Academic Apparel Rental Information

Congratulations To All Graduating Students
Commencement Ceremonies May 16 and 17, 2009

Measurement and Order Dates:

At the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore, Eck Center
Wednesday, April 1, 2009 10:00am – 7:00pm for last name starting with A - M
Thursday, April 2, 2009 10:00am – 7:00pm for last name starting with N – Z

- OR -

Beginning Now - April 18th, Order on line at www.herffjones.com/college/graduation
Select University of Notre Dame from the drop down list and follow instructions.
Only credit card orders can be accepted on line.
All other types of payments must be ordered through the bookstore per schedule above.
Web site will close at midnight on April 18th.
Gowns ordered after this date will be charged a $10 shipping charge

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No refunds will be made on rental of academic apparel once the order is placed.
No discounts will apply on academic apparel.

Distribution of Academic Apparel:

May 13 – May 16 for last name starting with A – M 11:00am – 7:00pm
May 14 – May 16 for last name starting with N – Z 11:00am – 7:00pm

Distribution on the second floor, Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore.
(Location subject to change)

Return Procedures for Academic Apparel:

Sunday, May 17, immediately following the University Commencement Ceremony
Returns located outside Gate B – Football Stadium (Subject to Change)

1. Present apparel to the receiving clerk at any table.
2. Sign your name on return sheet. You will be given a receipt.
3. Tassels are yours to keep.

*Late fee of $5 per day will apply on apparel not returned on this date.

“Gowns can be returned directly to the bookstore if before May 17th”

Contact Rhonda at 574-631-8495 between the hours of 8:30-4:30 M-F with questions.

**Important** The Office of the Registrar requires your rental receipt or on line confirmation form for issuance of the University Commencement Ceremony tickets.