



2024
COMMENCEMENT
INFO SESSION



Important Dates:

DATE	TASK
Before April 12	Apply to graduate with your advisor
Monday, April 1 – Friday, May 10	Register to attend Commencement
Monday, April 1 – Tuesday, April 16	Pre-Order Regalia Online
Wednesday, April 17 – Tuesday, May 28	Pre-Order Regalia in Person at Tacoma Shop
Before Sunday, May 12	Complete the Commencement Listing & Name Form if using a preferred name
Wednesday, May 29	Attend the Grad Fair to pay and pick-up your regalia Additional fun & informative activities planned
Friday, June 7	UW Tacoma Commencement



Ceremony Details:



Friday, June 7, 2024
Tacoma Dome

Check-in for Graduates at 8:30 a.m.
Doors open for Guests at 9:00 a.m.
Ceremony begins promptly at 10:00 a.m.
Duration is approximately 2 hours 30 minutes

Regalia and Souvenir Items:

PURCHASE OF CAP & GOWN IS REQUIRED!

Package 1

Includes: cap, gown, and degree tassel

- Bachelor's \$56 + tax
- Master's \$112+ tax (*with hood*)
- Doctoral (Rental Only) \$59 + tax

Package 2

Includes: cap, gown, degree tassel, and university stole

- Bachelor's \$86 + tax
- Master's \$142+ tax (*with hood*)

Additional Items for purchase:

- Honor Cords \$10 + tax
- Additional tassels \$6 + tax
- Purple/Gold souvenir tassels/key chains \$6-12 + tax



Cords vs. Stoles:

Cords

are specific to honors & awarded by Office of the Registrar to undergraduates (Baccalaureate, Faculty and Global Honors). Email notifications will be sent if graduates are eligible.

This will be available for purchase at Grad Fair or Tacoma Shop



Registered Student Organization (RSO), Global Honors & Individual Stoles

are approved by the Office of Student Affairs. Purchase & distribution is managed by the organization/individual .

Deadline to submit designs to uwtstudentaffairs@uw.edu for approval is 5/31/2024.



Military Graduation Stole

student veterans and military spouses can purchase a customized military stole indicating their military status and branch of service.

This is available for purchase through the Veteran & Military Resource Center. Contact the VMRC by April 1, 2024 to order your stole.



Registration– 3 Step Process

Registration is available April 1st-May 10th

Step 1 | Register to Attend

- Verify your name and degree (minors will not be included)
- Indicate your number of guests
- Once completed, you will receive a confirmation email with link to pre-order apparel

Step 2 | Pre-Order your cap, gown, & souvenir items

- You will not be charged at the time of order
- Regalia will be pick-up only, ship to student not available

Step 3 | Attend the Grad Fair

May 29, 2024

William Philip Hall

10:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Registration-cont'd

- Be prepared to **pay in person at the Grad Fair** with Visa, MasterCard, debit card, or valid checking account number.
- After April 16th, regalia orders must be completed in person at the Tacoma Shop.
- If you don't plan to attend the commencement ceremony, but would like to purchase souvenir items, you will still need to complete the registration form, selecting "NO" to participating.
- Check out the [Commencement Checklist](#) provided in our website



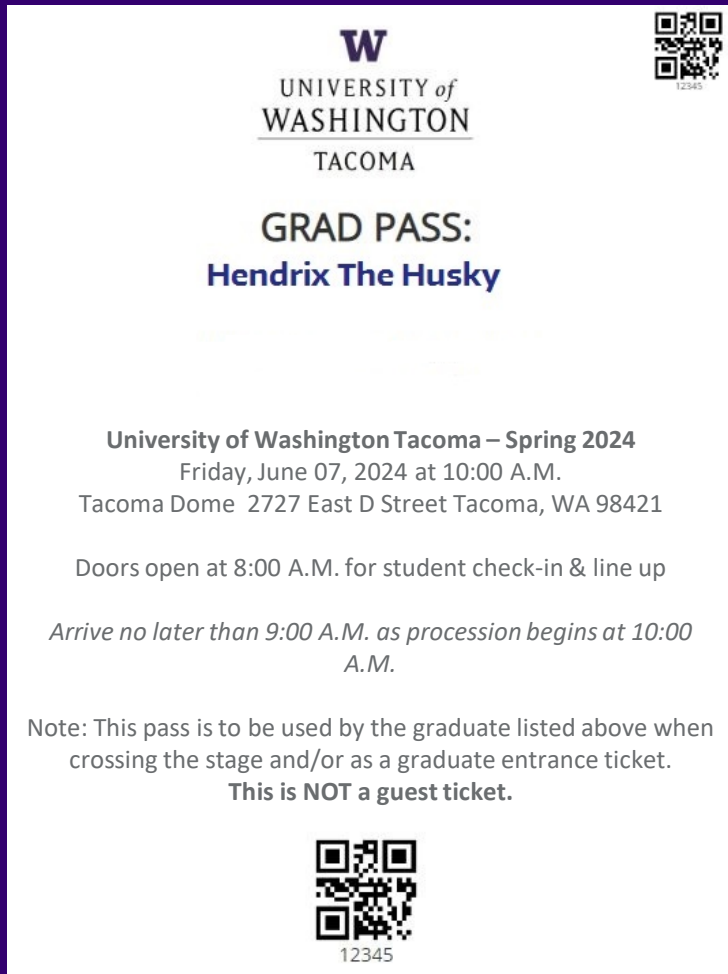
Diploma Information

- **ONLY** students participating in the Commencement ceremony will receive the complimentary purple diploma cover

These are distributed when you cross the stage

- Your diploma will not be in the diploma cover distributed during the ceremony. This is mailed 6 – 8 weeks following your final quarter
- Most often the diploma will not include your major & will simply reflect *“Bachelor of Arts”* or *“Bachelor of Science”*
- Students receive a complimentary electronic CeDiploma

The Student GradPass



GradPass is used to announce your name as you cross the stage

- Your GradPass will be distributed the day of the ceremony at the Tacoma Dome
- If name is not correct, visit the Student Help Desk in the Exhibition Hall the day of the ceremony
- This QR code will be scanned before you walk on stage





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- Each graduate will cross the stage.
- As you are crossing the stage, your name will be announced.
- You will be handed your complimentary diploma cover.
- You will shake the hand of a university representative.
- A photo will be taken (*available for purchase*).

Guest Tickets

- **NO** tickets required for your guests!
- There is no limit to number of guests
- When registering please enter your anticipated number of guests attending



Student and Guest Accommodations:

Students

Indicate when registering if you will need accommodations. Accommodation questions to drsuwt@uw.edu

Guest

Indicate when registering if your guest will need accommodation seating. They will receive dedicated messaging regarding Tacoma Dome accessibility information.

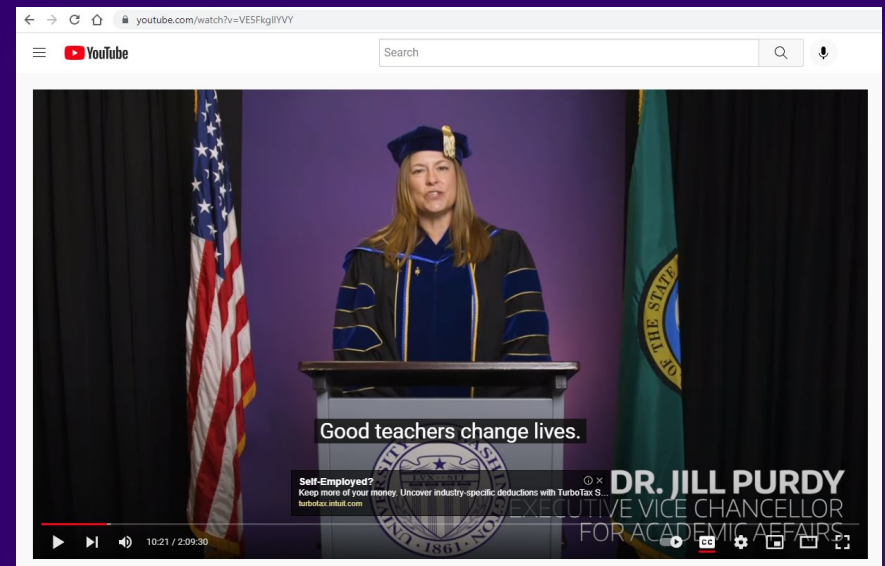
Please note: Due to space limitation of accommodation seating, guests needing accommodation seating can have one attendant seated with them.

Live Stream

UW Tacoma will be livestreaming the 2024 Commencement Ceremony!

Link will be posted on the home page of the Commencement website day of ceremony

- Unlimited capacity to watch the livestream
- Guests near and far can watch live
- Will be available in Spanish



Captioning & Translation Services:

- The ceremonies will be live captioned onsite.
- ASL will be available.
 - Request these services when you order your tickets online.
 - Spanish translation option will be available on the livestream



Transportation & Parking Details

- Graduates & guests should plan to park at the Tacoma Dome , the Tacoma Dome Station or around the UW Tacoma campus and take the light rail. See website for maps. *Fees may apply.*

Parking at the Tacoma Dome ranges from \$15 - \$30 per vehicle

- Parking Accommodations at the Dome is on a first come/first serve basis and not arranged by UW Tacoma.
- Please allow extra time for arrival & leaving the Dome as thousands of people are anticipated to be present for the ceremony.

Clear Bag Policy

The Tacoma Dome has a clear bag policy to expedite entry and reduce touch points for security staff and guests.

- **Bags may only be clear plastic, vinyl, or PVC, sized 12"x6"x12" or smaller**
- **Small clutch purses are okay if sized 4.5"x6.5" or smaller**
- **One gallon plastic storage bags are okay**

Note: please share this policy with your guests. They will not be allowed to enter if they are carrying a bag that does not meet these requirements

Visit the Tacoma Dome website for more information about their bag policy:

<https://www.tacomadome.org/plan-your-visit/bags>



Commencement Etiquette

Arrive on Time

- Graduates arriving late may miss being seated with their programs and will be seated at end.
- Guests with accommodated floor seating may need to wait on completion of university staff/graduate processional.

Remain Seated Once the Ceremony Begins

- Refrain from standing up or walking around the graduate floor area. You don't want to be that graduate. Trust us!

Return to Seats Following Stage Crossing

- As a courtesy and out of respect for fellow graduates and their families, graduates are expected to return to their seats after they cross the stage and remain in graduate seating until all students have crossed the stage. Upon conclusion of the ceremony, students will follow the stage recessional in exiting.

Photo Opportunities:

Grad Fair

May 29, 2024

William Philip Hall (WPH)

10 A.M. – 7 P.M.

W Photo Shoot sponsored by UWAA

May 30, 2024 at the W statue

Time: To Be Announced



Come to the campus for special backdrops

Monday, June 3, 2024 – Friday, June 7, 2024

Day of the Ceremony

Photos will be taken of each graduate as they approach and cross the stage. You will be sent a link to view your images. *There is no obligation to purchase*



Ceremony Day: What to Expect

- There will be **NO** rehearsal
- All graduates will enter through the Exhibition Hall entrance at the Tacoma Dome; this is where you will check in
- Visit the help desk if any information appears incorrect on your Grad Pass or you need to purchase last minute items
- You are not grouped by last name, but by program only. Find your program's display board for line-up
- Only bring what you can carry comfortably. There is no graduate storage and its not recommended leaving items at your seat.
- Wear comfortable shoes!



QUESTIONS?

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check out the [FAQs](#) on the Commencement webpage