

2025  
*Commencement*  
**INFO**  
**SESSION**



# Before we begin...

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Keep yourself muted during the presentation. If you have any questions, feel free to use the Zoom Chat.

We will be presenting the same information at each info session. No need to attend more than one!

Yes, this slide is available for download. Slide is available in the commencement website

[tacoma.uw.edu/commencement/information-sessions](https://tacoma.uw.edu/commencement/information-sessions)



# Important Dates:

DATE	TASK
Before April 18th	Apply to graduate with your advisor
Tuesday, April 1st-Monday, May 19th	Register to attend Commencement
Tuesday, April 1st-Wednesday, April 30th	Order Regalia Online (for Ship to Home)
Thursday, May 1st-Thursday, June 12th	Late Order of Regalia at UW Tacoma Shop
Before May 19th	Complete the Commencement Name Form if using a preferred name
Wednesday, June 4th	Attend the Grad Fair
Friday, June 13th	UW Tacoma Commencement at The Tacoma Dome



# Ceremony Details:

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**Friday, June 13, 2025**  
**Tacoma Dome**

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*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*

# Registration– 3 Step Process

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Registration is available April 1st-May 19th

## Step 1 | Register to Attend

- Verify your name and degree (minors will not be included)
  - Submit the Commencement Name Form if you would like a different appearance of your name
- Indicate your number of guests
- Once completed, you will receive a confirmation email with link to order apparel

## Step 2 | Order your cap, gown, & souvenir items

- If ordering online, these items will be shipped to the address provided
- Shipping time will be 3-5 weeks

## Step 3 | Attend the Grad Fair (optional)

June 4th, 2025

William Philip Hall

10:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.

# Registration-cont'd

- After April 30th, late regalia orders must be completed through 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



# Regalia and Souvenir Items:

**PURCHASE OF CAP & GOWN IS REQUIRED!**

## Package 1

**Includes: cap, gown, and one degree tassel**

- Bachelor's \$53 + tax
- Master's \$112+ tax (*with hood*)
- Doctoral (Rental Only) \$59 + tax

## Package 2

**Includes: cap, gown, one degree tassel, & university stole**

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

## Package 3

**Includes: cap, gown, one degree tassel, university stole, & diploma frame**

- Bachelor's \$218-\$313 + tax
- Master's \$262-\$357 + tax

Additional Items for purchase:

- Additional tassels \$5 + tax (for double major or souvenir)
- Purple/Gold souvenir tassels \$8-10 + tax
- UW Tacoma Stole \$30 + tax
- Diploma Frames (price varies)



# Receiving Your Regalia

Receiving Your Apparel Options	Dates	Shipping Cost (if applicable)
Ship to Home*	April 1st-April 30th	\$14.95
Ship to Home*	May 1st-May 23rd	\$7.95
In person at UW Tacoma Shop (late)**	May 1st-June 12th	---
In person at Tacoma Dome (late)**	June 13th	---

\* Allow 3-5 weeks to receive

\*\*May be limitations on size & item availability



# Cords vs. Stoles:

## Cords

are specific to honors & awarded by Office of the Registrar to undergraduates (Baccalaureate -*Gold*, Faculty-*Purple* and Global Honors-*White*).

Email notifications will be sent if graduates are eligible.

***These will be available for pickup at the Office of the Registrar beginning May 1<sup>st</sup> or at the Grad Fair on June 4<sup>th</sup> (no charge)***

## 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 [tcommenc@uw.edu](mailto:tcommenc@uw.edu) for approval is 5/30/2025.***

## 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 March 31st, 2025 to order your stole.***



# Diploma Information

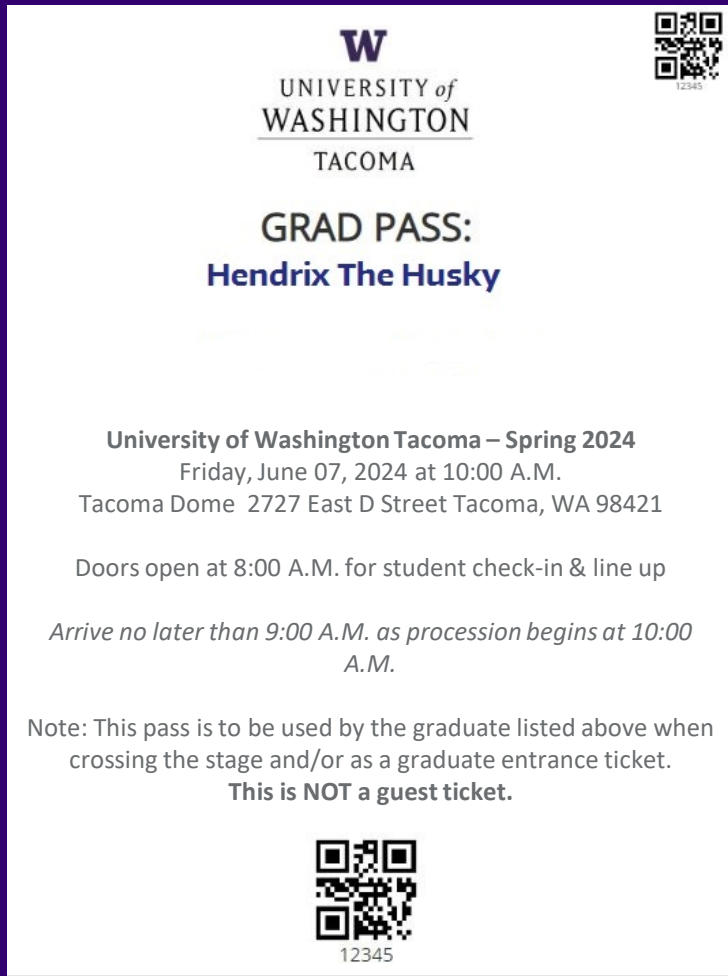
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- **ONLY** students participating in the Commencement ceremony will receive the complimentary purple diploma cover

*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

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- **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:

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## Students

Indicate when registering if you will need accommodations. If you have additional accommodation questions please email [drsuwt@uw.edu](mailto:drsuwt@uw.edu)

## Guest

With the exception of ASL, disability accommodations for guests are managed by the Tacoma Dome. Tacoma Dome accommodation information is available on our site and will be included in guest communications.

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

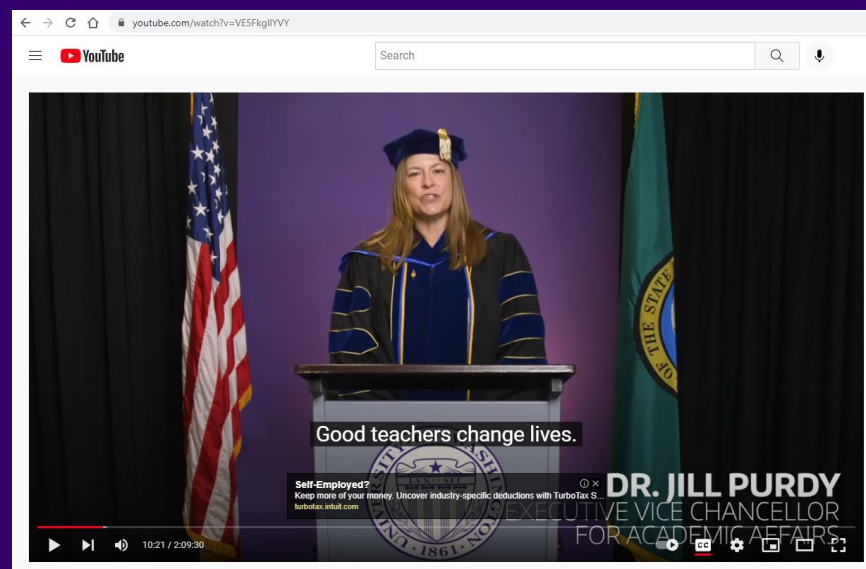
# Live Stream

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UW Tacoma will be livestreaming the 2025 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
- Available in Spanish



# Captioning & Translation Services:

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





# Transportation & Parking Details

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- 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

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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

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## 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.

## 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.  
PLEASE SHARE WITH YOUR GUESTS.



# Photo Opportunities:

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## Grad Fair

June 4th, 2025

William Philip Hall (WPH)

10 A.M. – 7 P.M.

## W Photo Shoot sponsored by UWAA

May 29, 2025 at the W statue

Time: To Be Announced

## Come to the campus for special backdrops

Monday, May 1st, 2025 – Friday, June 13, 2025

## 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

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- 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