

Dear Graduates,

Congratulations on your upcoming graduation! Your cap/gown/tassel is included in your graduation fees. The graduation ceremony will take place at the Finis Horne Arena on Wednesday, May 1st at either 10 AM or 2 PM, depending on your academic college. Below is a checklist to help your day go smoothly.

Students with financial obligations will not be able to participate in the commencement ceremony or receive their diploma.



TICKETS

Up to 8 ceremony tickets will be available to each candidate for pickup from Monday, April 8th – Friday, April 19th in the Registrar's Office. Every guest must have a ticket to enter the arena (including small children and infants). Students must have a photo ID to pick up their tickets. If you are unable to come to campus to pick up your tickets, you can request to have the Registrar's Office mail them.



LOOK THE PART

All graduates must be in a Lander University issued cap and gown to participate in Commencement. The tassel should be on the right side of the cap prior to the ceremony; it will be moved to the left side during the ceremony as directed. Beneath the regalia, candidates are asked to dress in a professional manner, similar to what you might wear to a formal business interview.

Please do not bring any personal belongings with you to the gym. We recommend that you leave these with family members or friends in the general admission area.



USE A CLEAR BAG

Lander University will be enforcing a clear bag policy for the commencement ceremony. Guests will be allowed to bring in one clear backpack or bag, subject to search. Clutches are not permitted inside of the arena for the commencement ceremony. Exceptions will be made for guests with medically necessary items.



GUESTS ARRIVE ON CAMPUS

The arena doors will open one hour prior to the start of the ceremony. Entrance to the arena will be closed 15 minutes before each ceremony. Handicapped guests are encouraged to arrive early to be seated. These guests can be dropped off at the circular drive close to the arena entrance.



GRADUATES ARRIVE

Graduates of the College of Arts & Humanities, College of Behavioral & Social Sciences, and College of Business will attend the 10 AM ceremony and should arrive in the PEES auxiliary gym at 8:45 AM for rehearsal.

Graduates of the College of College of Education, College of Science & Mathematics, School of Nursing, and IDS Majors will attend the 2 PM ceremony and should arrive in the PEES auxiliary gym at 12:45 PM for rehearsal.



GET SNAPPED

Commencement photography is provided by Grad Images. Photographers will be taking photographs during the ceremony. Grad Images will email graduates after the ceremony with information about how to obtain their photos.



KEEP WALKING

You will receive a diploma cover as you cross the stage. Receive the diploma with your left hand and shake hands with your right. Guests are asked to give a polite applause as each student crosses the stage, so all students' names can be heard. We ask that guests refrain from shouting out names or other forms of boisterous behavior until the end of the ceremony.



DIPLOMA INFORMATION

Diplomas will be available for pickup in the Registrar's Office from May 20th – May 30th Please be sure to bring a photo ID when picking up your diploma. Diplomas will not be released to anyone other than the student. Any diplomas that are not picked up will be mailed the week of June 3rd.