TUSDM Commencement

2019 Graduate Preparation Guide

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Pre-Ceremony Arrival

Where

Carmichael Quadrangle
Medford Campus
200 Packard Ave.

When

Arrive by 10:15 am
Carmichael Dining Hall
(basement of Carmichael Hall)

If you have a family member hooding you, they should report to the Carmichael Lounge (first floor of Carmichael Hall)
Student Line-Up

In the basement, look for your name! There will be index cards on the floor indicating your processional order. You will be in pairs for the processional.

When all students and faculty are lined up and the Dean returns from the All-University ceremony, the processional will begin. This will be around 11 am.
What To Wear

You must wear your cap and gown in order to participate. DMD students will have purple tassels and Master students will have gold tassels. Business casual attire is suggested to wear underneath your gown. You should probably base your attire based on the temperature of the day. The tent will be heated if it is cold.

Please note that you will be walking up and down stairs, as well as through grass and dirt. Plan your footwear accordingly.
The Dental Ceremony

The Processional

You will be led up the stairs and out the front of Carmichael and process into the tent. You will be led into the tent by Dr. Kasbeg and process down the center aisle to your designated row. There will be a name card on your seat designating it as yours. If a class member does not appear for the processional, their seat should be left empty in the event that they arrive late.

The Ceremony

The faculty will follow the students and sit on the stage. The ceremony includes greetings from Dean Thomas and Class Presidents Ben Smith and Oliver Austria, recognition of the Master of Science recipients, presentation of diplomas, and the awarding of the doctoral hoods.

The ceremony lasts approximately 2.5 hours.

The Hooding Ceremony

When the time comes for the awarding of the doctoral hoods, each row will be directed to the stage. As you reach the top of the stage, either Ben or Oliver will announce your name and you will walk across the stage. You should walk about 6 paces to a large “X” on the stage and face the audience. The doctoral hood will then be lowered on your shoulders. After this has taken place, you should proceed across the stage to receive your diploma from Dean Thomas.

Please accept your diploma with your left hand and shake hands with the Dean and other stage dignitaries. You should then continue across the stage, down the steps and sit back down at your assigned seat.
Conclusion of Ceremony

At the end of the ceremony, the stage assembly will exit first, followed by the graduates, down the center aisle for the recessional from the end.

At the conclusion of the recessional there will be a full-class photo outside of the tent. After the photo will be an informal reception for the students, faculty and guests. The gathering will take place in front of Carmichael Hall (where you lined up before the ceremony).
TUSDM Class Picture
Helpful Reminders

Photography

Commencement Photos Inc. is the contracted photographer for the University and will take the official picture of you standing with your diploma center stage with Dean Thomas and Trustee Al-Tayeb. These photos can be ordered later this summer.

Additionally, the Dental School has hired 2 additional photographers - one to take a picture of students being hooded by alumni family members and a second to take a picture of each of you as you exit the stage on the far side. The photos from the 2 Dental School photographers will be put on the Student Gateway and be available for you to download free of charge.

Please Communicate This to Your Parents!

What NOT to Bring

Please refrain from bringing loud noise makers and air horns. Balloons are also discouraged, as they block views. While service animals are always welcome, please leave all pets at home.

Wheelchair Accomodations

If a member of your party will be attending in a wheelchair, please speak with Marguerite ASAP (1511-P) in order to discuss seating accommodations.

Tufts Emergency Alerts

To receive emergency alerts via text message during commencement, please text keyword: Tufts2019 to phone number 67283. You will receive a welcome text thanking you for joining TuftsAlert for Commencement 2019.

Questions? Ask Marguerite Moore, Assistant Director of Student Affairs in 1511-P

Campus Shuttle

To learn more about the campus shuttle pick-up locations and schedule, please go here: https://commencement.tufts.edu/commencement-day/shuttle-service/
The All-University Ceremony

Attending the 9 am ceremony? Here’s what you need to know:

Line-Up Time: 8:30 am
Line-up Location: Carmichael Hall

Ceremony Location: The Green
9 am- Procession Begins
Congrats Class of 2019