



Saturday, April 29, 2023

2:30 pm CDT

Doors open at 1 pm

(Main Entrance)

**Student line-up
begins at 1 pm**

**Students will process
into the arena at 2:15 pm**

*The ceremony will last
approximately 2.5 hours*

Bismarck Event Center

Main Arena

315 S. Fifth St.

Bismarck, ND 58504

*Outside food and beverages are
prohibited in the Bismarck Event Center*

*Commencement is a public
celebration of educational
achievement for students, family,
and friends. To officially
graduate, all university, school,
and departmental requirements
must be fulfilled before the
Registrar can confer your degree.*

COMMENCEMENT DETAILS 2023

Student Attire: Black mortar board, black gown, and black tassel is required for undergraduate and master's level students. Black tam, black gown, and yellow tassel is required for doctoral level students. Master's and doctoral level students must wear the appropriate hood with attire. Place tassel at the right side of mortar board or tam. This event is **strictly** academic attire; do not add additional adornment.

Checklist for Students Prior to Commencement:

- ☐ Last minute purchases for any graduation items (gowns, hoods, caps, tassels, frames, Uploma, rings) will be provided by Jostens. Their booth is located in Exhibit Hall B.
- ☐ Leave any personal items with family or friends and turn cell phones off or to silent.
- ☐ All graduates are to pick up their name cards in Exhibit Hall B.

Military Students: Pick up a red, white, and blue tassel in Exhibit Hall B.

Honors Students: (undergraduate only) Honors students must pick up a gold honor cord in Exhibit Hall B. Cumulative GPA is taken at the end of 7th semester per university policy. Cumulative GPA **is not** rounded up.

Honors GPAs Include: Cum Laude: 3.5 - 3.74, Magna Cum Laude: 3.75 - 3.89, or Summa Cum Laude: 3.9 - 4.0

Student Line-Up: Line up in Exhibit Hall B in alphabetical order according to name of degree (e.g. MBA, DPT, BA, BS). University of Mary personnel will be available for assistance and signs will be posted.



CEREMONY ORDER

Processional

- Student procession begins at 2:15 pm CDT.
- A senior faculty member will lead the processional with the Mace.
- Marshals in gray gowns will escort the line-up to the seating area.
- Remain standing at your seat until after the Invocation.
- **ALL STUDENTS** must have a name card. If you have lost it, then you may request a new one from assisting personnel.
- **Master's Degree Students** will wear their hoods during the entire processional and ceremony as they will not be hooded on stage.

Receiving Recognition on Stage

- **Everyone must have a name card at this time.**
- Marshals in gray gowns will assist as students proceed to and from the stage in orderly fashion.
- Proceed to stage and hand name card to marshal.
- **Doctoral Students** have hood draped over the arm. Once on stage, turn toward audience. Hood will be placed on the shoulders.
- Proceed to Monsignor Shea to receive the University of Mary plaque.
- Return to your seat and remain standing until entire row returns.
- Remain seated until end of ceremony as a sign of respect to your fellow graduates and guests.
- **Lifetouch School Portraits** will take photos while you are shaking hands with Monsignor Shea and after leaving the stage. Photos will be online at events.lifetouch.com 10 days after the ceremony. Complimentary proofs are mailed to graduates.

Recessional

- Please stand during the Benediction.
- A senior member with the Mace will begin the recessional.
- All stage guests will follow.
- After the stage guests have passed, the first row of students in the center aisle will exit. Marshals in gray gowns will escort the students in orderly fashion for dismissal.