

POLICIES AND FAQ

FOR SUMMER COMMENCEMENT

2018

WALDEN UNIVERSITY

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COMMENCEMENT DATE AND LOCATION

When and where will commencement take place?

Summer commencement will take place on Saturday, July 28, 2018, at the Minneapolis Convention Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Ceremony Schedule:

8:30 –11 a.m. Doctoral ceremony
12-1:45 p.m. Nursing ceremony
3:30-5:15 p.m. Master's/Specialist/Bachelor's ceremony
(all programs - aside from nursing)



ELIGIBILITY

Am I eligible to attend the summer commencement ceremony?

Graduates whose graduation date falls **on or before Wednesday, June 13, 2018**, are eligible to attend the summer commencement ceremony on Saturday, July 28, 2018, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Students nearing their graduation date should contact the Graduation Team at graduation@mail.waldenu.edu to confirm eligibility before degree conferral.

I'm unable to attend the upcoming ceremony. Am I eligible to participate in the next commencement ceremony?

Yes, Walden graduates are eligible to attend a future ceremony that better aligns with their schedules.

REGISTRATION

When can I register?

Registration opens on **Tuesday, April 17, 2018**. New graduates will receive e-mail invitations to register for the commencement ceremony as degrees are conferred. **Your degree must be conferred on or before June 13, 2018, for you to register to attend the summer commencement ceremony**, even if you've already made travel arrangements. **Registration closes on Monday, June 18.**

I didn't receive an invitation. How can I register for commencement?

If you didn't receive an email invitation to attend commencement and your degree has been conferred, contact the Commencement Team at commencement@mail.waldenu.edu. Once it is confirmed you are eligible to attend an email invitation will be sent to your Walden email account.



Commencement Fee

What does the commencement fee cover?

The \$250 commencement fee includes:

- Up to 4 guest tickets.
- Admission for graduate events throughout the weekend for you and your guests.
- A special graduation keepsake.

Will I receive a refund if I need to cancel my registration?

You must cancel your registration by **Monday, June 18, 2018**, to receive a full refund. The commencement fee is nontransferable. Refunds will not be given if you cancel after the deadline or if you choose not to attend the commencement ceremony. Contact the Commencement Team at commencement@mail.waldenu.edu if you need to cancel.

How is the commencement fee paid?

The commencement fee is a one-time payment that must be made online with a debit or credit card (Visa or MasterCard) when you register to attend commencement.

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ON-SITE CHECK-IN POLICY

It is important to be on-site and checked-in no later than 1 hour before your ceremony on commencement day. This will give you the time necessary to get your guests settled and to be present and accounted for in the line-up room prior to the processional or in your assigned seat. For those groups that process, Walden staff will make every effort to seat you in the correct section after the processional. However, we cannot guarantee you will walk across the stage with the correct program if you are not in the line-up room when the processional begins.

COMMENCEMENT GUESTS

How many guests can I invite to the commencement ceremony?

Graduates can invite up to 4 guests to the summer commencement ceremony. Due to the capacity limits of our location and the number of anticipated graduates, please limit your number of guests to 4. Guest tickets will be given to graduates in Minneapolis at on-site check-in. There will be limited space in the overflow room where non-ticketed guests can watch the ceremony via live streaming video. No tickets will be mailed or distributed before commencement weekend.

LATIN HONORS AT WALDEN UNIVERSITY

I graduated with a high GPA. Will I receive Latin honors?

Latin honors (cum laude, magna cum laude, and summa cum laude) are awarded at the bachelor's level only. If you have earned Latin honors and have registered to attend summer commencement, you will receive an honors cord in your registration packet to wear during the commencement ceremony.

I graduated with Latin honors, but I'm not attending the commencement ceremony. Will I receive recognition?

Undergraduates who do not attend the commencement ceremony will be listed with Latin honors in the online commencement program. Unfortunately, graduates who do not attend the commencement ceremony will not receive an honors cord since this is part of the commencement attire for the ceremony.

PRESIDENTIAL COMMENDATION FOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

I graduated with a 4.0 GPA. Will I receive recognition?

If you are an undergraduate who has earned a cumulative GPA of 4.0 and you plan to attend the commencement ceremony, you will be awarded the Presidential Commendation for Academic Achievement. You will receive a medallion in your registration packet to wear during the commencement ceremony.

I graduated with a 4.0 GPA, but I'm not attending the commencement ceremony. Will I receive recognition?

Undergraduates who do not attend the commencement ceremony will be recognized as having earned the Presidential Commendation for Academic Achievement in the online commencement program. Unfortunately, graduates who do not attend the commencement ceremony will not receive a medallion since this is part of the commencement attire for the ceremony.

ACCOMMODATIONS AND REGALIA

Visit the [commencement website](#) for information on travel, regalia, and other important logistics.

Registered graduates are the only people permitted to cross the commencement stage. If a graduate needs a special accommodation, this must be approved by the commencement office or disability services prior to commencement.

FUTURE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES

When and where will future ceremonies take place?

Commencement dates are selected in advance. The eligibility dates may change slightly. The future commencement dates and locations are listed below.

January 19, 2019	Winter (Tampa, Florida)
August 3, 2019	Summer (National Harbor, Maryland)
January 18, 2020	Winter (Tampa, Florida)
July 18, 2020	Summer (National Harbor, Maryland)

Additional Commencement Information

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