




FAQs:

 **How do I apply for graduation?**
Visit <http://www.pointpark.edu/About/AdminDepts/RegistrarsOffice/StudentResources/Graduation>
Applications are to be submitted to the Office of the Registrar no later than:


Fall: July 31
Spring: September 30
Summer: January 30


 **What do I need to do to ensure I graduate in April?**
Make sure your graduation application is complete. Then, review your advising worksheet with your advisor to make sure you have met all necessary requirements.


 **What is the difference between the Commencement Ceremony and the Graduate Degree Hooding Ceremony?**

Graduate Degree Hooding Ceremony – This ceremony is for individuals earning graduate-level degrees. The Dean of each graduate program will place the hood on those earning graduate-level degrees. This ceremony replaces the traditional commencement ceremony, which only undergraduates will attend.


Commencement – This ceremony is for individuals earning degrees at the undergraduate level. This ceremony is more traditional in nature, and the Dean of each program will present each graduate with a diploma cover.

 **Who is eligible to participate in the Graduate Degree Hooding Ceremony?**
All Graduate degree candidates who received their degree as of Fall 2023, Spring 2024 or Summer 2024 are eligible to participate in the Graduate Degree Hooding Ceremony.

 **When will I receive my diploma?**
Upon completion of all degree requirements, diplomas will be mailed to the home address of the degree recipient within 4-6 weeks after graduation.

 **Am I required to attend the Graduate Degree Hooding Ceremony?**
All Graduate Degree candidates are encouraged to attend, but attendance is not mandatory. The main objective of the Graduate Degree Hooding Ceremony is to recognize those individuals who have dedicated their time and energy to achieving this award.

 **How long is the Graduate Degree Hooding Ceremony?**
The Graduate Degree Hooding Ceremony should last approximately two (2) hours.

 **Is the venue for the Graduate Degree Hooding Ceremony accessible to the disabled?**
Yes, all facilities in PPG Paints Arena are accessible to the disabled. Accessible seating is available on all seating levels. Volunteers will be available at the Check-in table to assist individuals in need. **It is strongly recommended that individuals with physical limitations bring their own wheelchair.**



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Do I need to notify anyone if I plan to attend the Graduate Degree Hooding Ceremony?

Yes, if you have sent in your application for graduation, received notification that you are eligible, and are planning to attend the Graduate Degree Hooding Ceremony, you must RSVP online at [Graduate Degree Hooding Registration](#). The deadline to RSVP is April 12, 2024.

Is there a rehearsal?

No, there will not be a rehearsal for this event.

How will I know what to do when I arrive at the Graduate Degree Hooding Ceremony?

All students attending the ceremony should enter through the HIGHMARK gate at PPG Paints Arena and report to line-up by 8:30am. Further instructions will be given at that time. You will receive your calling card at graduation check-in!

Do I need to check-in upon arrival at PPG Paints Arena?

Students are to report to registration on the Main Floor of PPG Paints Arena and proceed to the Lower Level by 8:30 am for line-up. A volunteer will direct you to the appropriate line. You **must** bring your **student calling card**.

Where is parking?

Parking will be available at the East Lot as well as the PPG Paints garage for a fee of \$6.00 per car. Other surrounding lots may be available. Valid disabled parking place cards are required. Accessible space is limited and an early arrival is strongly recommended.

What time will my family be able to enter PPG Paints Arena for the Graduate Degree Hooding Ceremony?

Doors at the HIGHMARK gate will open at 7:30 am. The ceremony will begin promptly at 9:00 am.

How many family members and friends may attend?

This free event is open to all family members and friends who would like to attend. Tickets are not required.

May children attend Graduate Degree Hooding Ceremony?

Yes, children are welcome to attend the Ceremony; however, childcare is not available at the ceremony facilities. Children should be supervised and accompanied by family members during the ceremony.



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Where can I purchase my cap, gown and hoods?

Caps and gowns (and hood if applicable) may be ordered at the Graduation Fair at Point Park University, February 20-21, 2024. If you are unable to attend the Graduation Fair, please visit the Point Park University Bookstore to order your cap and gown, or order online at pointpark.shopoakhalli.com.

Masters candidates:

- If you would like to have your items shipped to the bookstore for pickup, you must order by **March 17, 2024**.
- If you would like to have your items shipped directly to you, you must order by **March 27, 2024**.

Doctoral candidates:

- If you are planning to rent your regalia, you must order by **March 17, 2024**. All rentals will be shipped to the bookstore.
- If you intend to purchase your regalia, you must contact the bookstore by **February 19, 2024** to guarantee that the robes are manufactured and delivered in time for the ceremony.



Must I wear a cap and gown?

Yes, participation in Graduate Degree Hooding Ceremony requires that you wear the traditional cap and gown, which are the only appropriate and acceptable academic attire for such an event. **The University will not provide robes for those who forget to bring their own.**



What should I wear to the Graduate Degree Hooding Ceremony?

In order to honor the dignity of the ceremony and maintain a professional atmosphere, appropriate business or dress clothes and shoes are required.



If I am a Graduate Degree candidate, is it correct to wear my tassel on the left?

Yes, Graduate Degree candidates should wear their tassels on the left. This signifies their previous degree or degrees.



Can my family take pictures during the ceremony?

Yes, it is encouraged.



Will I have my photograph taken by a professional photographer at the Graduate Degree Hooding Ceremony?

Yes. GradTrak Graduate Images will be photographing each graduate as he/she crosses the stage at the Ceremony. You will be contacted by GradTrak Graduate Images via mail/email directly. There is a no obligation to purchase any photographs.



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 **I won't be attending the Graduate Degree Hooding Ceremony. How will I get my diploma?**

All students who apply for graduation, regardless of attendance at the ceremony, will first be reviewed and verified as having fulfilled all requirements pertaining to their degree. Then, your diploma will be mailed to the address you provided in your graduation application. You can expect delivery 4-6 weeks after graduation.