

**GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
HOODING AND AWARDS CEREMONY
INFORMATION FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS**

DATE: Saturday, May 19, 2018

CEREMONY TIME: 3:00 pm with Reception following at 5:00 pm

PLACE: Wait Chapel, Reynolda Campus

PARKING: Parking on Saturday afternoon should not be crowded and passes are not required.
Directions and a campus map may be found at: <http://about.wfu.edu/visiting/directions/>.

TICKETS: Tickets are not required.

ARRIVAL OF HOODING CANDIDATES:

Participants **must arrive on the Plaza no later than 2:15 pm** and check in at the tables located on the LEFT side of Wait Chapel to receive a line placement card. You will then assemble numerically behind your degree sign.

Please note that we will NOT be able to accommodate late arrivals.

WHAT TO WEAR:

All participants will wear their caps and gowns. Low heels are recommended since you will be walking up and down marble steps during the ceremony. **Leave purses and any personal belongings with your guests.** Participants should not carry anything in their hands. Please turn off your cell phone before you enter the Chapel.

ARRIVAL OF GUESTS:

Guests should arrive no later than 2:30 pm. Anyone wishing to photograph or videotape the ceremony may consider sitting in the balcony.

PROCESSIONAL AND SEATING:

Faculty marshals will lead you into the Chapel and direct you to your seat. Do not leave any empty seats between you and the next person. **There will be a program under your seat.** Remain standing until after the invocation.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOODING CANDIDATES:

When your degree is called, you will stand as a group. A faculty marshal will direct you on how to proceed to be hooded and photographed.

When your name is called, walk up the stairs and stand on the **X**. Turn and face the audience with your back to the hooder. The hooder will place the hood on you. **TURN TO YOUR LEFT** and shake the hand of the hooder. As you are doing this the photographer will take your picture – smile! After your picture is taken, proceed down the stairs and return to your seat.

RECESSIONAL:

Once the benediction has been given and the music begins, please stand. The platform party and faculty will exit. Wait for the faculty marshal to direct you.

Once outside, please walk far enough away from the doors to avoid crowding and join us for the reception in the Green Room on the main floor of Reynolda Hall.