

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

DATE: Saturday, May 14, 2022

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 parking passes are not required. Directions and a campus map may be found at [Campus Maps](#)

TICKETS: Tickets are not required.

ARRIVAL OF HOODING CANDIDATES:

Participants **must arrive on the Plaza no later than 2:00 pm** and check in to receive a line up card.

Art & Sciences graduates will check in on the right side of the plaza facing the chapel.

Biomedical Sciences graduates will check in on the left side of the plaza facing the chapel.

You will then assemble numerically behind your degree sign.

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

WHAT TO WEAR:

Participants will wear their caps and gowns carrying hoods draped over the right arm. Tassels should be worn on the left side and do not move for graduate degrees. Low heels are recommended since you will be walking up and down marble steps during the ceremony. Security will be performing bag checks so you will not be permitted to carry a bag into the chapel. Participants should not carry anything in their hands. Turn off your cell phone before you enter the Chapel.

Watch this [Hooding](#) video to see how to carry your hood and hooding details.

ARRIVAL OF GUESTS:

Guests should arrive no later than 2:00 pm. All bags will be checked before entering the chapel. Anyone wishing to photograph the ceremony may consider sitting in the balcony but note that tripods are not allowed.

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 at 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** holding your right arm up for the faculty hooder to take your hood. Turn and face the audience with your back to the hooder who will place your hood over your head. **TURN TO YOUR RIGHT** and shake the hooder's hand. As you are doing this the photographer will take your picture – smile! After your picture is taken, proceed up the steps walking across the stage and behind the podium. You will stop to be presented with a diploma cover, pausing for an additional photograph. Proceed down the stairs and return to your seat.

After all students are hooded, degrees will be conferred.

RECESSIONAL:

Following the closing remarks and the music begins, please stand. The platform party and faculty will exit. Wait for the faculty marshal to direct you.

LIVESTREAM:

The ceremony will be viewable via a [livestream](#) for those unable to join us.

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.