



AUGUSTA
UNIVERSITY

FALL 2026 COMMENCEMENT NEWSLETTER



Congratulations!

Congratulations on your upcoming graduation! We are excited to announce that we will be offering two in-person ceremonies on December 7-8 at the Augusta Convention Center.

Monday, December 7th, 5 pm: Graduate Hooding & Commencement Ceremony
Celebrating all graduate students.

Tuesday, December 8th, 10 am: Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony
Celebrating all undergraduate students.

As a part of the ceremony, each student will walk across the stage and be recognized. Immediately upon arrival, students will be checked in and directed to their seats on the floor.

There will be NO rehearsal for all graduating students. Directions will be given from the podium during the ceremony. Ushers will direct students to and from the podium during the ceremony as well. Please be attentive!

If you have any ceremony-specific questions, please email commencement@augusta.edu. Check your university email regularly for any commencement updates!



Say Cheese!

GradImages, our ceremony graduation photography team, will be present at your ceremony. All graduates will be photographed individually at the ceremony as they receive their degree. You are not obligated to purchase any of the photographs taken at commencement.

Academic Regalia

Regalia is available to order now through October 24 for all graduates at jostens.com. Official Augusta University regalia is used by all participants in the commencement ceremony. Graduates who do not order regalia by these deadlines need to contact the Roar Store for ordering options. Hood and/or tassel colors are not guaranteed with any late orders. After ordering your regalia, should you not be able to participate, please notify the Roar Store at bookstore@augusta.edu

For Associates, Bachelors, Masters, and Specialists graduates:

Regalia orders may be placed online via the Jostens website by October 24. The regalia package for associates and bachelors graduates is \$60. The masters and specialists regalia package is \$110.

Any orders placed after October 24 will need to be placed in-person at the RoarStore on the Summerville Campus. Hood and/or tassel colors are not guaranteed for any orders placed after the order deadline. All Associates, Bachelors, Masters and Specialists graduates will keep their regalia at the conclusion of the event.

For Doctoral graduates:

Doctoral regalia packages are rental only and are available online at jostens.com. **Students must place their order by October 24.** Regalia rentals will be available for pick-up at the Summerville Campus Roar Store beginning November 23 during operating hours. Graduates must return their regalia after the ceremony. Returns must be made by December 15 to the Summerville Campus Roar Store during operating hours (Mon-Thurs, 8:00 am-5:00 pm, Fri, 8:00 am-3:00 pm). Any regalia returned after December 15 will incur a \$30 late fee.

For any questions concerning regalia orders or rentals, please contact the Roar Store: 706-737-1611.

Look the Part

All graduates are required to wear academic regalia. Business attire is appropriate under the gown. The ceremony will be a combination of standing and sitting so graduates are encouraged to dress comfortably! For those wearing pants, please consider dark pants and shoes.



LIVE STREAM

Augusta University is proud to present the commencement ceremony as a live web cast. You can view the web cast at augusta.edu/stream or online via YouTube. The web cast will be uploaded to YouTube following the ceremony.

STAY SOCIAL

Share your commencement photos on social media! Make sure to use the hashtag #AUGGrad for the chance to be shared on our university channels.

Undergraduate Latin Honors

Undergraduate students graduating with honors will be recognized during the commencement ceremony and designated in the commencement program. Your GPA from the previous term will indicate if you will participate in commencement with honors. Qualifying students will be notified via email and may pick up the cords from the Registrar's Office **beginning October 12.**

Review the Graduation with Honors Policy at augusta.edu/graduation/honorspolicy for more information or if you have any questions of your academic standing.



Legacy Graduates

Generations of families have continued Augusta University's rich tradition, continuing our legacy in JagNation. You may qualify as a legacy graduate if your parent, stepparent, or grandparent attended Augusta University or one of our legacy institutions, such as Augusta College. Legacy status is only awarded to those family members who have received a degree from Augusta University or a legacy institution, not to those completing residency.

If you believe you qualify to be included in our legacy graduates for this semester, and did NOT indicate so on your graduation application, please email your family member's name and when/where they graduated from to commencement@augusta.edu by no later than October 9.



Tassel

Tassel is the system used to manage commencement operations, including graduate RSVP's, guest ticketing, graduate communications, and grad passes. Graduates **MUST** create an account in Tassel to RSVP for the ceremony, access their guest tickets, and ensure their name is pronounced and listed correctly for the commencement ceremony.

Students will need to create a Tassel account with their Augusta University email. Tassel will open on September 28 and close on November 3. All students are required to RSVP during this registration period for important information about the commencement ceremony, the awarding of your degree, and diploma delivery. Registration information will be sent to graduates on September 28. Be sure to check your junk/spam folders for any communication sent via Tassel.

Parking

The convention center's address is 901 Reynolds Street, Augusta, Georgia. Commencement guests are encouraged to park in the Reynolds Street parking deck.

Commencement participants: You will park at the Georgia Cyber Center's parking deck (100 Grace Hopper Lane, Augusta). A parking attendant will be present to let you in the deck at no charge. If you decide to carpool with family to commencement, this will not impact your ability to park at this deck. Walk over to the Marriott from this deck to check-in for commencement.

Stage Passes and Name Cards

Graduates will need to access their Stage Pass, your ticket into commencement, through their Tassel account. This is a necessity for you to check in to commencement. Directions of how to access your Stage Pass are included in your Tassel account.

Name cards will be printed for graduates to use during commencement. Name cards are what students will need to cross the stage to have their name announced and to receive their diploma.

Guest Tickets

Tickets will be required for all guests attending our commencement ceremonies, including children and infants over the age of one. The number of tickets each graduate will receive will be decided upon at a later date. Students will be able to access and send tickets directly to their guests through their Tassel account.

All ticket information will be announced through Augusta University email for fall graduates and the post-graduation email for summer graduates. Students will be required to use their AU email address and student ID number to log in to the portal once ticketing becomes available. If we are able to release additional tickets to students once the initial round of tickets is claimed, we will notify graduates via email and/or text message about steps to claim additional tickets. Graduates, please ensure the phone number provided on your graduation application is an active phone number able to receive texts.

Guest seating is general admission for all ceremonies. The doors will open approximately 90 minutes prior to the start of both commencement ceremonies.



Graduate Exit Survey

The Graduation Exit Survey will open later this semester for all summer and fall 2026 graduates. Graduates are expected to complete this survey to share your post-graduation plans with the university. Graduates will receive notice of the survey opening via their Augusta University email account. Please take a few minutes to complete this survey!

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

A few important phone numbers to remember as you prepare and plan for commencement:

RoarStore: Regalia and Augusta University Merchandise - augusta.edu/roarstore, 706-737-1611

Financial Aid: Exit Counseling - augusta.edu/finaid/, 706-737-1524

Registrar's Office: Commencement Ceremony Details - augusta.edu/commencement, 706-446-1430