University Commencement is held rain or shine on the National Mall. The National Mall is a public space under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service. We are grateful for the use of the mall, and graduates, families, and guests are reminded that use of the space is not under the exclusive control of the university. The university has a comprehensive Alternate Site Plan in place for Commencement should extreme circumstances dictate changes.

If the Alternate Site Plan is implemented:

• All graduates, faculty, platform party, and dark red-colored ticket holders should report to the Charles E. Smith Center, 600 22nd Street, NW. The ceremony begins at 11 a.m. Doors open at 9:30 a.m.

• Families and guests are encouraged to view the ceremony via:
  • Livestream at commencement.gwu.edu on laptops or mobile devices in a convenient location.
  • Television on WJLA ABC 7 from 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
  • Various locations on GW’s Foggy Bottom Campus listed below. Space is limited on campus—please exercise patience as you navigate your way around campus. All campus buildings are wheelchair accessible.
    • Families and Guests of Columbian College of Arts and Sciences Graduates
      Cloyd Heck Marvin Center (800 21st Street, NW)
    • Families and Guests of Graduate School of Education and Human Development Graduates
      Lisner Auditorium (730 21st Street, NW)
    • Families and Guests of College of Professional Studies Graduates
      Lisner Auditorium (730 21st Street, NW)
    • Families and Guests of School of Engineering and Applied Science Graduates
      Science and Engineering Hall (800 22nd Street, NW)
    • Families and Guests of School of Medicine and Health Sciences Graduates
      Ross Auditorium (Ross Hall, 2300 Eye Street, NW)
    • Families and Guests of School of Nursing Graduates
      Ross Auditorium (Ross Hall, 2300 Eye Street, NW)
    • Families and Guests of School of Business Graduates
      Duquès and Funger Halls (22nd and G streets, NW)
    • Families and Guests of Elliott School of International Affairs Graduates
      ESIA Building (1957 E Street, NW)
    • Families and Guests of Milken Institute School of Public Health Graduates
      Media and Public Affairs Building (805 21st Street, NW)
    • Families and Guests of Law School Graduates
      Law School (20th and H streets, NW)

On Sunday, May 17, in the event of a change to Commencement on the National Mall, information will be posted to CampusAdvisories.gwu.edu. Updates and changes also will be communicated via GW Alert (text and email), GW Information Line at 202-994-5050, and on Twitter and Facebook.