

Commencement Ceremony

Members of the University Faculty are encouraged to participate in the commencement exercises, which are scheduled on the last Sunday in May. The traditional ceremony begins with an academic procession, which forms on the Arts Quadrangle and proceeds to Schoellkopf Field. In the event of severely inclement weather, the graduation ceremony is shifted to Barton Hall, and there will not be a procession. The president delivers the only address, and no honorary degrees are conferred. A recognition event is held for the doctoral candidates the evening before in Barton Hall. Faculty are encouraged to participate by processing in this formal event to support their doctoral candidates. All other degrees are given out after the ceremony on Sunday in each school or college. The university maintains a supply of gowns, caps, and hoods for faculty members to borrow for ceremonies on this campus or elsewhere (see Academic Regalia in section 7.0).