

Frequently Asked Questions for Graduates

1. When is the Commencement?

- a) An in-person Commencement Ceremony will be held on Saturday, December 6, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in Joseph G. Echols Memorial Hall Arena.

2. Will the Commencement be shown online?

- a) Yes, the Commencement will be livestreamed on the university website, www.nsu.edu.

3. How many tickets do graduates receive? Where can I pick up my tickets?

- a) Tickets are needed for Echols Hall. Graduates will receive six (6) ceremony tickets. Tickets will be distributed at the commencement rehearsal at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, December 5 in Echols Hall. No additional tickets will be available.

Graduates are responsible for disseminating their tickets to their family and friends. Tickets are required to gain entry into Echols Hall. Electronic tickets are not available. Loss, stolen, or misplaced tickets will not be replaced.

4. Are there any extra tickets?

- a) No extra tickets are available due to space limitations in Echols Hall.

5. Does my child need a ticket?

- a) Any child over the age of two years old is required to have a ceremony ticket to gain access to Echols Hall.

6. May I share or sell my tickets to another graduate or family?

- a) Tickets cannot be transferred or sold. A graduate is welcome to give their tickets to another graduate; however, that is the sole responsibility, discretion, and exchange of those parties. The university is not liable for the exchange of tickets or dissemination of tickets to other graduates and/or their family. Tickets will be distributed at the commencement rehearsal.

7. Can my classmate, friend, or family member pick up my ceremony tickets?

- a) No one is allowed to retrieve tickets in place of the graduate. The graduate is required to show a photo ID when picking up tickets at the Commencement Rehearsal. If for any reason the graduate is unable to pick up their tickets, he/she should contact commencement@nsu.edu to make arrangements.

8. Will there be a commencement rehearsal?

- a) Yes, Commencement Rehearsal will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, December 5, 2025 in Joseph G. Echols Memorial Hall Arena. All graduates are required to attend the rehearsal.

9. Where do I go to check-in on Commencement Day?

- a) Information regarding check-in will be shared at the Commencement Rehearsal.

10. How long will the ceremonies last?

- a) We are anticipating 2 hours for the 9:00 a.m. ceremony.

11. Will my name be read at the ceremony?

- a) Yes, your name will be read at the ceremony.

12. Are there any other viewing locations for the ceremony aside from Joseph G. Echols Memorial Hall Arena?

- a) The L. Douglas Wilder Performing Arts Center will serve as an alternate viewing site for the commencement ceremony. Tickets are not required for Wilder Center.
- b) The ceremony will be streamed live on the university website, www.nsu.edu.

13. How much is the application and graduation fee?

- a) The application fee is \$30 and is due no later Tuesday, November 25, 2025 to Student Accounts.

14. Where do I purchase academic regalia?

- a) Academic regalia can be purchased from the University Bookstore. The last day to purchase regalia in-person at the bookstore is Friday, December 5, 2025. Students who are unable to come to campus, can order online, <http://colleges.herffjones.com/college/norfolk/>. The last day to order online is Tuesday, November 11, 2025. Orders placed after this date may incur additional fees. Contact the University Bookstore with questions, (757) 823-2037.

15. Is academic regalia required?

- a) Yes, academic regalia is required to participate in the Commencement Ceremony.

16. When is the graduation application due?

- a) The graduation application is due no later than Friday, November 14, 2025. Please contact the Office of the Registrar with questions.

17. Will professional photos be offered to graduates?

- a) Yes, GradImages is the official Commencement photographer. They will capture photos of the graduates as he/she crosses the stage with their diploma in hand. Proofs and purchase information will be mailed or emailed directly to each graduate.

18. Are face masks required?

- a) No, face masks are not required. However, graduates are allowed to wear face coverings for their own comfort if desired.