

Frequently Asked Questions for Graduates

1. When is the Commencement?

a. The Commencement Ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. William "Dick" Price Stadium.

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. No tickets are required for seating at William "Dick" Price Stadium. Seating will be first come, first served.

In the event of inclement weather, the commencement ceremony will be moved indoors to Joseph G. Echols Memorial Hall.

Due to indoor space limitations, only six (6) rain tickets will be given to graduates. No additional rain tickets will be provided. Graduates are responsible for disseminating their tickets to their family and friends. Lost, stolen, or misplaced tickets will not be replaced.

4. Are there any extra tickets?

a. Due to security and other constraints, no extra tickets are available.

5. Does my child need a ticket?

a. Any child over the age of two years old is required to have a ceremony ticket.

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 a.m. on Friday, May 5 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. We are typically hooded by a classmate during the ceremony. Will hooding be permitted?

a. Due to the ongoing pandemic and required social distancing guidelines, students will not be hooded by a classmate. Students should arrive in their cap, gown, and hood.

13. Are there any other viewing locations for the ceremony aside from William "Dick" Price Stadium?

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.

14. How much is the application and graduation fee?

a. The application fee is \$30 and is due no later two weeks before graduation to Student Accounts.

15. Where do I purchase academic regalia?

a. Academic regalia can be purchased from the University Bookstore. The last day to purchase regalia in-person is Friday, May 5, 2023. Students who are unable to come to campus, can order online, http://colleges.herffjones.com/college/_norfolk/. Contact the University Bookstore with questions, (757) 823-2037.

16. Is academic regalia required?

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

17. When is the graduation application due?

a. The graduation application is required. Please contact Student Accounts with questions regarding dates.

18. 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.

19. Are face masks required?

a. Graduates and guests are allowed to wear face coverings at their own comfort and practice guidelines set forth by the University.