Thank you for participating in this Graduation and Commencement Information Session!

We will get started momentarily.

Meeting Reminders:

- You will be muted and your camera will be off for this session.
- If you have a question, please place it in the Q&A. We will cover all questions not answered in the presentation at the end of each segment.
Commencement & Graduation Guide 2021

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Graduation vs. Commencement

Graduation...

• is the successful completion of a student’s major/minor/concentration and the issuing of a diploma.

Commencement...

• is the celebration of your time and hard work at Rowan University.
Only 5 Steps

Step 1: Apply to Graduate
Step 2: Register to Participate
Step 3: R.S.V.P. to Assigned Ceremony/Claim Guest Tickets
Step 4: Caps & Gowns
Step 5: Pay attention to communication
Step 1: Apply to Graduate

Graduation Dates & Deadlines

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<th>Term you expect to graduate:</th>
<th>Deadline dates for student to apply to graduate:</th>
<th>Deadline dates for Academic Advisors to review any submitted graduation applications:</th>
<th>Dates when degrees will be awarded in system and posted on transcripts:</th>
<th>Date that official diploma will be mailed to you:</th>
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<td>April 5 – June 4</td>
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Students must apply online for graduation review via SSB, rowan.edu/selfservice.
Step 1: Apply to Graduate

- Students should meet with their advisors, review their transcripts and GRAD reports to ensure that they have met all major/minor/concentration and University requirements.

- Students must apply for Graduation online through Self-Service Banner. Select “Apply to Graduate.”

- After the application is submitted, students will receive email confirmation, which should be printed and kept for their records. This email includes instructions for Commencement.

- Students can verify the information on their application (diploma name, mailing address, etc.) through Self-Service – select “View Pending Graduation Applications.”

- All Graduation information will be sent to students’ Rowan email addresses only. Please check your email often.

www.rowan.edu/graduation
Did I Apply to Graduate?

• You can view the Graduation Application and details that you submitted through SSB.

Student & Financial Aid

- Admissions
  - Apply for Admission or Review Existing Applications
- Registration
  - Check your registration status, class schedule and add or drop classes
- Student Records
  - View your holds, grades, transcripts and GRAD report
- Financial Aid
  - Apply for Financial Aid, review status and loans
- Commencement
- NJ Transit Student Pass Discount
  
Rowan University full-time students are eligible to receive a monthly pass at 25% percent off the regular
- Parking Services
  - Parking permit application, rules, general information
- Learning Connections Inventory
- National Schools Clearinghouse
  - Connect to the National Schools Clearinghouse website. Login is automatic.
- Parent/Guardian Demographics Information
- Student Affairs
- Search Rowan Announcer Submissions
  - Search through Rowan Announcer archives.
- Rowan Announcer Submission (Student)
  - Submit a Rowan Announcer message. Students only
- Apply to graduate
  
- View pending graduation application (online applications online)
- Clinical Practice Teacher Candidate Performance Evaluation
  
Enter new evaluations, and view previously entered ones

• Review:
  ➢ Name preference
  ➢ Mailing address
RU Completing an Internship/Clinical Practice/Final Project/Thesis/Dissertation?

- If students’ receive an incomplete grade, the final graduation review cannot occur until the IN grade is replaced.

- **Important!** IN grades must be replaced within grade deadlines for the term of the graduation application. If the IN grade is replaced *after* the deadline, the application will be denied and the student will need to re-apply.

- **Example** – Student applied for May conferral and has an IN. If the grade is replaced *by* June 30th, and all other University requirements are met, the conferral date will remain May 2021. If the IN grade is replaced *after* June 30th, the conferral date will be August 2021.
University Honors

3.450 – 3.649 Cum Laude
3.650 – 3.849 Magna Cum Laude
3.850 – 4.000 Summa Cum Laude

- For Graduation, university honors are based on students’ final cumulative GPA and will be printed on students’ diplomas and transcripts.
- For Commencement, university honors are based on the cumulative GPA earned at the end of the Winter term, and will be noted, with a symbol, in the Commencement program.
Diplomas

• The final review of Spring 2021 Graduation Applications will occur during June 2021 (after all final grades are submitted). Summer 2021 applications will be reviewed/awarded in September 2021. **This year there may be a delay in awarding due to the Pass/NC option.**

• Students will be notified by email when their degree is awarded or if there are issues regarding their application.

• Diplomas will list MAJORS only. Minors, concentrations, specializations and CUGS will appear on your final transcript.

• Diplomas are mailed directly from our new vendor Paradigm and students will receive email notification when their diploma ships.
Commencement at a Glance

• Commencement Week - Hybrid Celebrations

  – Virtual University Commencement Ceremony
    • May 8, 2021 @ 3:00pm

  – In-Person Commencement Ceremonies
    • May 10 – 14, 2021
LIVE Virtual University Commencement Ceremony
Saturday, May 8, 2021
3:00pm

- President’s address
- Conferral of Degrees
- Messages from commencement speakers
- Undergraduate Tassel Toss
- Celebratory Music
- Exciting Surprises
- Links provided prior to ceremony
In-Person Commencement

In-Person Commencement Ceremonies

• University Green, Rowan University, Glassboro Monday, May 10 – Friday, May 14, 2021
  – If the number of registered participants is larger than anticipated, ceremonies will be extended into the following week, May 17-21.

After Ceremony Celebration:

• Green space along Summit Lane
• Complimentary light refreshments
In-Person Commencement - What to expect

The Ceremony

• Approximately 1 hour long
• Student Processional
• National Anthem
• Remarks from Deans
• Presentation of Graduates
  – Names read aloud as graduates cross the stage, collect diploma cover and have photos taken.

www.rowan.edu/commencement
Ticketed Event

• Two guest tickets per registered graduate
  – Children ages 2 and under may sit on the lap of a ticketed guest.
• Don’t delay! Download and send guests their tickets!
  – Digital and printed tickets accepted at entrance.
  – Only graduates and ticketed guests will be permitted on and around the University Green.

**As a reminder – there are no extra tickets**
In-Person Commencement - What to expect

Photography

• Grad Images photographers will capture moments in the baseball field and as graduates cross stage at the University Green.

• In addition to professional photography, there will be many opportunities to capture a popular family photo or selfie around campus.
In-Person Commencement - What to expect

Rain or Shine

• Commencement ceremonies will be held rain or shine.

• In the case of extreme weather or circumstance, we will host postponed ceremonies the following week, May 17-21.

Post Ceremony Celebration

• At the conclusion of the ceremony, graduates and guests are invited to enjoy light refreshments along Summit Lane, between Laurel and Oak Halls.
In-Person Commencement - What to expect

Safety

• All outdoor locations will adhere to proper social distancing of six feet apart.

• The University Green set up for graduates to be seated together, six feet apart.

• Guests seated in twos, six feet apart from other guests, unless otherwise noted in the registration.
  – Planning team will follow all guidelines by the State of New Jersey, Office of the Governor. As guidelines continue to adapt, we will provide a list of safety protocols the week before the ceremonies.

www.rowan.edu/commencement
Commencement Participation Criteria

To be eligible to Register/RSVP in Marching Order:

• Students who have been awarded their degree(s)
• Students who apply to graduate prior to February 26, 2021
• CADP (formerly 4+1) students participating in the undergraduate portion of their program
• Students with *remaining degree requirements may participate if they meet these requirements:
  – Undergraduate students within 20 credit hours of degree completion
  – Graduate students (Master’s level only) within 6 credit hours of degree completion

*Remaining degree requirements (undergraduate and graduate) to be completed in the Summer/Fall terms. Students completing degree requirements in Spring 2022 would attend Commencement in May of 2022.

DEADLINE:
*Students with remaining degree requirements must RSVP by March 3, 2021 to ensure inclusion of their name in the program book.
Registration Process for Graduates
Two steps to confirm participation in commencement

• **Register** for In-Person Commencement
  – Pre-register to participate by March 3 at 11:59pm. After the registration period ends, the Commencement team will review the reservations and create a schedule. The full in-person Commencement schedule will be announced on March 15.

• **RSVP** to assigned ceremony
  – After the schedule releases, graduates will need to RSVP to their assigned ceremony and download their guest tickets by April 19. *Even if the graduate does not want guest tickets, the RSVP must be completed.*
Marching Order: Commencement Registration & Ticketing

How do I get there?

- go.rowan.edu/commencementparticipation
- Self Service Banner/Student Tab/Commencement Attendance Confirmation
Marching Order - Registration

Registration Deadline – March 3, 2021

Graduates who are dual/double majors must choose one major with which to participate in commencement.
Marching Order - RSVP

RSVP Deadline – April 19, 2021

Graduate Home

Register for your Ceremony below:

2020 University Commencement Ceremony & Celebration
Saturday May 9, 2020 at 3:00 PM
Richard Wackar Stadium
Carpenter St
Glassboro, 08028

Click here to RSVP

Rohrer College of Business
Tuesday May 12, 2020 at 10:00 AM
University Green at Bunce Hall
Glassboro, NJ 08028

Green check mark indicates the RSVP is complete
Caps & Gowns

Two ways to purchase regalia

- In-person at Rowan Barnes and Noble beginning March 29, 2021
  - Sizes not guaranteed after April 16, 2021.
- On-line – March 15-April 20, 2021
  - Link to order will be available on the commencement website.

Commencement Fair
Rowan Barnes & Noble - March 29 - April 2, 2021, 10am-5pm

- Barnes and Noble will host a Grad Fair March 29 - April 2, 2021, 10am-5pm. Cap & Gown Vendors will be on-site to help with sizing and answer questions. There will also be class ring vendors at this event.

Custom doctoral gowns – Contact Valerie at 856-881-5954 or wojcik@rowan.edu to schedule a fitting. Orders must be placed by March 12, 2021.

**All students attending this information session will be entered into a randomized drawing to win a free undergraduate/graduate Cap and Gown. The winner will be notified by mail. Free regalia can be claimed in-person at Barnes and Noble, and is not eligible for mail order.**
# Caps & Gowns - 2021 pricing

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<td>Doctoral</td>
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Academic honor cords available at Rowan Barnes & Noble for $15.98.
Important Dates to remember:

• February 1: Registration opens for Commencement
• February 26: Last day to apply to graduate for Spring graduation
• March 3: Commencement Registration closes
• March 15: Ceremony dates/times assigned; students notified via email
• March 15: Ceremony RSVP opens; guest tickets available
• March 15: Online regalia sales open
• March 29: In-person Grad Fair at Barnes & Noble
• April 19: Ceremony R.S.V.P. closes
• May 8: University Commencement Ceremony at 3:00pm
• May 10-14: In-person commencement ceremonies
Staying Informed

• Check your Rowan email daily.
  – Always open and read emails from graduation@rowan.edu and commencement@rowan.edu as they contain important information.

• Know your deadlines; don’t wait until the last day(s)!

• Read the commencement and graduation websites; check back regularly for updates.

• Follow Rowan social media; look for Instagram Stories and Q&A’s about commencement.
  – Watch for the social media Instagram story “What to Know Before You Go” to see what the in-person commencement will look like.
  – #Rowan2021

• Prepare for In-Person Commencement
  – Review the final details email sent 48 hours prior to your ceremony, share details with guests.
Commencement Website

rowan.edu/commencement

sites.rowan.edu/commencement/faq.html

Updated as more information becomes available
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Thank you! We look forward to celebrating with you in May!

Additional questions? Email us! Be sure to include your Banner ID!

Graduation – graduation@rowan.edu
Commencement – commencement@rowan.edu