



HOWARD

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

The Flagship



Graduation Information Packet

Spring 2024

COAS & UNIVERSITY CEREMONIES

Graduates must be both academically and financially cleared to participate in graduation festivities. Regalia is required for all ceremonies.

The Graduation Recognition Ceremonies for the College of Arts and Sciences will be held on:

Friday, May 10th, 2024, In Burr Gymnasium.

The ceremony for Natural Sciences will be held from **8 am-10 am**.

The ceremony for Social Sciences & Humanities will be held from **11 am-1 pm**.

The COAS Graduation Recognition ceremonies are for all COAS graduates. This is the ceremony where COAS students will walk across the stage and receive their diploma cover.

There are two COAS ceremonies, one for Natural Sciences and another for Social Sciences and Humanities.

Regalia Required | Every student will walk across the stage Regalia

The University Commencement Ceremony will be held on:

Saturday, May 11th, 2024

Commencement will be held on Saturday, May 11 at 10 a.m. at Capital One Arena, located at 601 F Street, NW Washington, D.C.

Graduates are expected to arrive by 7 a.m. to line up for the processional. Arena doors will open to all guests at 7:30 a.m. The processional will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m.

For more information, please see the For Graduates page. If you are attending as a guest, please see the Attendee Information page.

MEET YOUR COAS GRADUATION TEAM

For any questions related to COAS gradation ceremonies please contact the team member below:

D'Asia Bethea

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COAS Graduation Coordinator

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coas.asahelp@howard.edu



For any questions related to COAS gradation clearance please contact the team member below:

Shaunda Young

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COAS Graduation Clearer

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For any questions related to academic advising or for graduating seniors please contact the team member below:

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Assistant Director for Advising, Admissions, and Records

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WHICH CEREMONY ARE YOU IN?

COAS holds two separate graduation ceremonies to accommodate our large graduating class. Please see the lists below to see what ceremony your major falls under.

NATURAL SCIENCES

Biology

Chemistry

Health, Human Performance & Leisure Studies

Interdisciplinary Studies: Environmental Sciences

Mathematics

Physics & Astronomy

Psychology

SOCIAL SCIENCES & HUMANITIES

African Studies

Afro-American Studies

Economics

English

History

Interdisciplinary Studies

Philosophy

Political Science

Sociology & Criminology

Women's, Gender, & Sexualities Studies

World Languages & Cultures

TICKETS

COAS GRADUATION CEREMONIES

During commencement week (May 6–10) the college will be distributing tickets to prospective graduates who have met the academic and financial requirements to participate in the ceremonies.

Students will receive 5 tickets for the COAS graduation ceremonies. There will be no additional tickets given to students due to the venues capacity. Everyone must have a ticket to enter

(The ceremonies will also be streamed live for others to view)
Tickets for the COAS Graduation ceremonies will be digital. The ticket link will go live on May 1st.

HU COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

For the University's Commencement Convocation (Saturday, May 11), **each student will receive four (4) reserved tickets**, which will be distributed during commencement week (May 6–10) at the Howard University Bookstore. Please [click here](#) for more information.

Please [click here](#) to view the 2024 Commencement Convocation Ticket Pick-Up Schedule

IMPORTANT DATES

PLEASE SEE THE IMPORTANT DATES BELOW PERTAINING TO GRADUATION

- **Cap and Gown Orders**- Deadline to order regalia Sunday, April 7, 2024
[Click here](#) to order your cap and gown and other regalia
- **COAS comprehensive Exams** –Saturday March 30, 2024 (sign up via major department)
- **Spring Break** –March 2, to March 10, Sunday (no clearance reviews conducted.)
- **Bison Web Graduation Application** – The deadline to apply for graduation is Friday, April 12, 2024
- **Deadline to submit grades for prospective graduates** – Friday, April 26, 2024
- **Regalia and reserved tickets pick-up for prospective graduates**- May 6-10
- **Honors Cords and Medallions Pick-Up:** Blackburn Truth and Service Room
Tuesday May 7th: 12:00 pm-3:00 pm
Wednesday May 8th: 11:00 pm-2:00 pm
- **Annual President's Reception for Graduates and Their Families** – May 9th
Location: Ballroom, Blackburn University Center
Time: 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
- **COAS Graduation Rehearsals**- Thursday, May 9th,
Natural Sciences: 1:00 pm-2:00 pm
Social Sciences and Humanities 2:00 pm-3:00 pm
- **Commencement Prayer Breakfast** – Friday, May 10th
Location: Ballroom, Blackburn University Student Center
Time: 7:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
- **COAS Graduation Recognition Ceremonies**- Friday, May 10th in Burr Gym
- **University Commencement Ceremony**- Saturday, May 11th (Capital One Arena)

ADDITIONAL GRADUATION CONTACTS & RESOURCES

- **Seating Accommodations for COAS Ceremonies:** Please [click here](#) to complete the COAS Graduation Seating Accommodations form.

- **Cap and Gown Orders:** Please contact the HU Bookstore or visit their website at howard.bncollege.com

[Click here](#) to order your cap and gown and other regalia

- **Letters for International Travel for Graduation:**

International students please contact or visit the office of International Student Services:

Peter A. Ugbong, M.A., JD, (PDSO/RO)

pugbong@howard.edu

(202) 806-2777

US Citizen please contact the COAS ASA Office of the Dean: coasasa.help@howard.edu

- **Senior Yearbook Pictures:**

Prospective graduates can sign-up for their yearbook portrait by clicking [here](#). Please contact roland.reynolds1@howard.edu with questions regarding senior pictures.

- **COAS Graduation Website:** [Click here!](#)
- **Transcripts and Diplomas:** Any questions regarding transcripts and diplomas please contact the Office of the Registrar at registrar@howard.edu
- **Questions: COAS Graduation Ceremonies:** coas.asahelp@howard.edu
- **Questions: University Commencement Ceremony:** commencement@howard.edu or [Commencement Website](#)

PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL

We want to ensure that you are receiving all important communications regarding graduation from the university and our office. It has come to our attention that some crucial emails may be ending up in your spam/junk email folder.

To ensure that you don't miss out on important updates, announcements, and other vital information, we kindly ask you to check your spam/junk email folder regularly. Our communications often contain essential details about upcoming events, academic deadlines, and other significant matters that directly impact your academic experience.

If you find any emails from the university in your spam/junk folder, please mark them as "Not Spam" or move them to your inbox to help improve the email filtering system.

Additional information/details regarding the COAS Graduation Recognition ceremonies is forthcoming. Please continue to check your email and the COAS graduation website for updates.



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