



College of Arts and Sciences



Graduation Information Packet Spring 2025

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COAS CEREMONY DETAILS

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:

Thursday, May 8, 2025, In Burr Gymnasium.

- The ceremony for **Natural Sciences** will be held from **8 am–11 am**.
– (Graduates **MUST** arrive in the Lower Gym by 7:00 am, processional begins at 7:30 am)
- The ceremony for **Social Sciences & Humanities** will be held from **1 pm–3 pm**.
– (Graduates **MUST** arrive in the Lower Gym by 12:00 pm, processional begins at 12:30 pm)

Graduates will receive 4 guest tickets, and 1 graduate ticket

The COAS Graduation Recognition Ceremonies celebrate all graduates of the College of Arts and Sciences. During these ceremonies, COAS students will have the opportunity to walk across the stage and receive their diploma covers. There will be two separate ceremonies: one for graduates in the Natural Sciences and another for those in the Social Sciences and Humanities.

For more information, [please click here to visit the COAS Graduation Website](#)



COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY DETAILS

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

The University Commencement Ceremony will be held on:

Saturday, May 10th, 2025

on the Howard University campus, Upper Quadrangle (the Yard).

Graduates will receive 4 guest tickets

- Graduates are expected to arrive by 7 a.m. to line up for the processional.
- Doors will open to all guests at 7:30 a.m.
- The processional will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m.
- Ceremony will begin at 10:00 am

For more information regarding the University Commencement Ceremony please visit the Commencement Website



MEET YOUR COAS GRADUATION TEAM

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

Ms. D'Asia Bethea

Assistant Director for Strategic Initiatives, Academic Assessment, and Communication

COAS Graduation Coordinator

Email:

dasia.bethea@howard.edu



For any questions related to COAS graduation clearance or advising please contact your academic advisor

Please be sure to submit your graduation application and any clearance documents requested as soon as possible to ensure there are no delays with your final clearance. Delays in final clearance can cause:

- Issues with pickup for COAS Graduation or University Commencement tickets or cap and gown
- Students names to not appear in the graduation booklet

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

Ms. Kea Jones

Associate Director of Student Policy and Success

Email:

kea.jones@howard.edu



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

LATIN HONORS POLICY & DISTINCTION

LATIN HONORS POLICY

- These honors will appear on student transcripts, diplomas, and in the commencement program.
- Honors eligibility grades in non-credit courses are not considered in determining eligibility for honors.
- **Students are NOT eligible to receive honors distinctions if:**
 - The last half (60 hours) of coursework required for the degree was not completed in residence at Howard University
 - Course(s) were repeated (received a letter grade)
 - They have not been enrolled in at least 12 credit hours for each semester enrolled, with the exception of the last semester in residence.

LATIN HONORS DISTINCTIONS

3.20 to 3.49
Honors
Cum Laude

3.50 to 3.79
High Honors
Magna Cum Laude

3.80 to 4.00
Highest Honor
**Summa Cum
Laude**

TICKETS

COAS GRADUATION CEREMONIES

The college will be distributing tickets for the COAS ceremonies to prospective graduates who have met the academic and financial requirements to participate in the ceremonies.

- **COAS Honor Cord & Ticket Pick-Up: Douglass Hall, Room 221**
 - Tuesday, May 6th: 12 pm-3 pm
 - Wednesday, May 7th: 9 am- 12 pm
- Graduates will receive **4 guest tickets AND 1 graduate ticket** for the COAS graduation ceremonies.
- **Everyone must have a ticket to enter the venue INCLUDING GRADUATES (Graduates will receive a ticket for themselves).** Small children who can sit in an adults lap will not need a ticket (2 years old and under)

(The ceremonies will also be streamed live for others to view)

UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

For the University's Commencement Convocation (Saturday, May 10), **each graduate will receive four (4) tickets**, which will be distributed during commencement week (May 5-10) at the Howard University Bookstore.

[The 2025 Commencement Convocation Ticket Pick-Up Schedule](#)

IMPORTANT DATES

PLEASE SEE THE IMPORTANT DATES BELOW PERTAINING TO COMMENCEMENT & GRADUATION

- **Cap and Gown Orders**- Last day to order: April 16, 2025
[Click here to order your cap and gown and other regalia](#)
- **BisonHub Graduation Application** – The deadline to apply for graduation is Friday, April 18, 2025
- **Final examinations for prospective Spring 2025 Graduates:** April 22-24
- **Deadline for instructors to submit grades for prospective graduates:** April 25th
- **Regalia and Commencement tickets pick-up for prospective graduates:** May 5-9, Howard University Bookstore
- **COAS Honors Cords, Medallions and Ticket Pick-Up: Douglass Hall, Room 221**
 - Tuesday, May 6th: 12 pm-3 pm
 - Wednesday, May 7th: 9 am- 12 pm
- **COAS Graduation Rehearsals- Wednesday, May 7, Burr Gym (Lower Gym)**
 - Natural Sciences: 12:30 pm-1:30 pm
 - Social Sciences and Humanities: 1:30 pm-2:30 pm
- **COAS Graduation Recognition Ceremonies**- Thursday, May 8th in Burr Gym
- **Annual President's Reception for Graduates and Their Families:** Thursday, May 8
- **Annual Prayer Breakfast:** Friday, May 9
- **University Commencement Convocation:** Saturday, May 10

ADDITIONAL GRADUATION CONTACTS & RESOURCES

- **Questions about Cap and Gown Orders:** Please contact the HU Bookstore
- **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 Ms. D'Asia Bethea at dasia.bethea@howard.edu
- **Senior Yearbook Pictures:** Prospective graduates can sign-up for their yearbook portrait by clicking [here](#).
- **2025 Commencement T-Shirt-[Click here to order](#)**
 - **Order Deadline:** April 7
 - **Pick-Up Dates:** April 28 – May 2, from 10 AM – 2 PM
- **COAS Graduation Website:** [Click here!](#)
- **Seating Accommodations:** Guests requiring seating accommodations will be escorted to the designated seating area upon their arrival. Please [click here](#) to complete the seating accommodations form by Friday, April 18th
- **Transcripts and Diplomas:** Any questions regarding transcripts and diplomas please contact the Office of the Registrar at graduation@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 COAS graduation and Commencement 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.

GRADUATING STUDENT EXIT SURVEY

Help us collect
feedback on your
HU experience
and let us know
what you're
doing next!

take the

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**GRADUATING STUDENT
EXIT SURVEY**

*Complete the survey for a chance to win a
Howard embossed diploma frames (valued
at over \$150) or other Howard branded
merchandise!*



Scan the QR code to
complete the survey if
you're graduating in
Fall '24, Spring '25, or
Summer '25.



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