

INSTRUCTIONS FOR GRADUATE SCHOOL / Ph.D. COMMENCEMENT - 2026

TICKETS

ADMISSION BY TICKET ONLY!

Tickets are **REQUIRED** for the Graduate Commencement Ceremony for all family and guests. **STUDENTS GRADUATING do not need tickets.**

- Each student will be allotted a set number of tickets
- Instruction details for selecting tickets will be sent to your [Niagara University email account](#) by Wednesday, March 27th, 2026. The **link** for tickets will be sent on Tuesday, April 6th, 2026.

CAPS AND GOWNS

- Caps and gowns can be picked up at the Campus Bookstore beginning Monday, April 13th, 2026, and continuing through Thursday, May 14, 2026.
- Starting on April 13th, 2026, the Campus Bookstore is open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Students will need to provide their height and the type of degree they will be receiving when picking up their cap and gown.
- Caps, gowns, and hoods are the possession of each graduate and need not be returned.

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Thursday, May 14, 2026
Artpark's Mainstage
450 S 4th St, Lewiston, NY 14092

- **5:45 p.m.** – Graduates check in with their college and proceed to the upper-level courtyard area. Gates are open for ticket holders.

Commencement begins promptly: 6:45 p.m.

ORDER OF STUDENT PROCESSION

College of Arts & Sciences
College of Nursing
College of Business
College of Education
College of Hospitality, Sport, and Tourism Management

1. Master's student, please wear your hood. Doctoral Candidates, please carry your hood on your arm.
2. Associate Provost Welcome
3. National Anthems - Canada and U.S.A. Please remove your cap for Anthems and Invocation.
4. Conferring of Degrees: The Associate Provost will address the President in a statement introducing the Degree Candidates. The Degree Candidates will be asked to stand and remain standing until the President concludes his response.

5. The Representative of the Colleges will request the **Ph.D.** Candidates approach the center stage. The Dean calls the names of the candidates, who will then approach the center stage for hooding and to receive their diploma covers individually. On returning to their places, the graduates are seated.
6. The Representative of the Colleges' **Graduate Programs** will then request the candidates to approach the stage one Program at a time. The Dean calls the names of the candidates who ascend the stage to receive their diploma covers individually. On returning to their places, the graduates are seated.
7. A diploma cover will be distributed to students as they cross the stage. After receiving your diploma cover, Graduates will proceed down the stairs and return to their seats. Your diplomas will be mailed to your home address in approximately 8 weeks.
8. Students are encouraged to complete the Intent to Graduate form on self-service (open until May 1st) to verify their Diploma Name, degree details, and final mailing address. After graduation is finalized and upon the conferral date, a digital version of their degree will be sent directly to their email address from Parchment, allowing one final opportunity to review the mailing address. Should they have any inquiries or concerns, they can reach out to the *Registrar*.
9. For First Aid - see security.

Further directions regarding Commencement can be found at the link below:

<https://www.niagara.edu/commencement>

To learn more about the venue for the graduation ceremonies, please visit Artpark's website:

<https://www.artpark.net/>