

## **SIMMONS GRADUATION 2025 FAQs**

**Q: What is the difference between Simmons Friday May 16<sup>th</sup> graduation and SMU All University Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup> graduation?**

**A:**

Friday May 16<sup>th</sup> – Simmons Graduation (McFarlin Auditorium)

9:00 a.m.     Counseling, EPL and T&L

12:00 p.m.    APSM and HCIS

Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup> – ALL SCHOOLS Graduation (Moody Coliseum)

8:30 a.m.     This is with the president, commencement speaker, walk through of the rotunda

**Q: What time is my ceremony?**

**A:**

9:00 a.m.     (PhD, EPL, T&L, Counseling)

Doctor of Philosophy

Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership

Doctor of Education in Higher Education

Master of Education in Educational Leadership

Master of Education in Urban Educational Leadership

Master of Education in Higher Education

Master of Education

Master of Education in Special Education

Bachelor of Science in Educational Studies

Master of Science in Counseling

12:00 p.m.    (Lifelong Learning/HCIS, APSM)

Doctor of Liberal Studies

Master of Liberal Studies

Master of Arts in Dispute Resolution

Master of Science in Health Promotion Management

Master of Science in Sport Management

Bachelor of Science in Applied Physiology and Health Management

Bachelor of Science in Sport Performance Leadership

Bachelor of Science in Sport Management

**Q: Where can students request additional tickets for the ceremony?**

**A:** Student must check their SMU email. A link is sent to all eligible candidates to register to walk in the Simmons Graduation Ceremony. This is where candidates will RSVP and request tickets for the ceremony.

**Q: Where do I apply to walk in the Simmons Graduation?**

**A:**

1. You MUST apply to graduate via My.SMU.edu.
2. Once you have applied, you will receive an email (to your SMU email address) to apply for the Simmons Graduation ceremony. Students must be logged into their smu email account to access.

**Q: If I am not participating in the ceremony, do I still fill out the RSVP survey?**

**A:** Yes. All graduate candidates of Simmons need to complete the RSVP survey.

**Q: Where can I get tickets for the ceremony?**

**A:** Simmons graduate candidates will only be able to request tickets through their graduation RSVP link via their SMU email address. If you missed the email, contact your department specialist or academic advisor if you are an undergraduate.

**Q: How many tickets can a graduate get for guests to the ceremony?**

**A:** All candidates will be guaranteed up to 6 tickets. Additional tickets may be requested, and the candidate will be notified 2 weeks prior to the ceremony if extras become available.

**Q: Do graduates need a ticket for the ceremony?**

**A:** No, the tickets are for guests.

All guests will need a ticket to enter the McFarlin Auditorium.

**Q: Where do I pick up my graduation tickets?**

**A:** All graduate candidates will receive their tickets via the online portal 2 weeks prior to graduation ceremonies. You must request tickets needed when submitting your RSVP to the ceremony. There will be no extras the day of. **Check your SMU emails regularly** for graduation updates - this is how you will be notified and receive your tickets.

**Q: Where do I get my graduation regalia?**

**A:** SMU BOOKSTORE – **ORDER DEADLINE MAY 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025**

When you apply for Graduation via My.SMU.edu, you will receive that information.

This includes the correct hood for graduate and doctoral candidates.

Please check to make sure you have the correct color hood and tassel.

The SMU bookstore staff can help you.

*Regalia rentals are arranged through Herff Jones. Your order will be sent to your home address. You must enter your current shipping address on the online order form. Students are responsible for knowing their degree type and discipline color when placing their orders. If you wish to purchase your regalia, please contact [ceremonies@smu.edu](mailto:ceremonies@smu.edu) to request a custom regalia order form.*

**Q: If we are doctoral candidates do we order our own hoods?**

**A:** No, You will receive your hood at the ceremony when you are hooded on stage. If you do not attend the ceremony, you do not receive a hood.

**Q: Can I wear my honor cords in the Simmons graduation ceremony?**

**A:** Yes. Honor cords may be worn.

**Q: Are honor cords handed out at the ceremony?**

**A:** No. You are responsible for picking up your honor cords from your program director/leader prior to graduation ceremonies.

**Q: I am a doctoral student, where do I pick up my hood?**

**A:** All doctoral students will receive their hood at the ceremony.

**Q: Will the Simmons Graduation Ceremony be live-streamed?**

**A:** No. Only all-university commencement is live streamed.