



TO: The Faculty of James Madison University
FROM: Bob Kolvoord, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Kathy Ott Walter, Speaker of the Faculty Senate
SUBJECT: December 2024 Commencement Ceremony
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Commencement is a notable recognition of our students' hard work and commitment during their time at JMU. We strongly encourage all faculty to attend commencement, take part in this significant event in the life of the university and join our students and their families and friends to celebrate the successful culmination of their academic work.

Winter Commencement for undergraduate and graduate students will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 14, in the Atlantic Union Bank Center (AUBC) and will last approximately two hours.

We invite academic unit heads, graduate program directors and all faculty to wear their regalia, participate in the processional and be seated in the faculty section.

You are **required to have a ticket to access the arena**: Your regalia will not suffice. Follow [this link](#) to confirm your attendance. You may choose a print at home ticket or mobile ticket. Ticket reservations will be available until **Monday, Dec. 4 at noon**. **Your commencement tickets will be sent to you via email on Dec. 9**, when all tickets are released. You must download your ticket to your Google/Apple Wallet or print it in advance to enter the arena.

Individuals participating in the Saturday morning commencement exercise will gather between 9:15-9:30 a.m. in the Media Room (Room 0150) on the lower level of the AUBC. You will enter through the "Event Staff" entrance on right the side of the main entrance, facing E-Hall. Once inside, go to the lower level to robe and enjoy light refreshments. You will line up and prepare to proceed to the floor area at 9:50 a.m. in full academic regalia. JMU staff and student marshalls will assist with the processional.

For faculty that would like to participate and need regalia, the rental regalia process has now been [moved online](#). The deadline to rent regalia is **Nov. 7**. There is also a limited number of regalia rentals offered through Faculty Senate; contact [Kathy Ott Walter](#) for details.

There is no reserved parking for the AUBC as there is a large parking deck adjacent to the arena and abundant availability around the Festival Center. Should you require ADA parking, the Ballard parking deck has many spaces on each floor, all adjacent to an elevator. It is a short distance from these spaces to the staff entrance.

We hope you can join us to support your students by participating in this event. Thank you for your service to JMU and your participation in our commencement ceremonies. We look forward to seeing you.

If you have questions that cannot be answered on the [commencement website](#), contact University Events at 568-7787 or email jmugrad@jmu.edu.