

GRADUATION EVENT GUIDE



May 17-18, 2019

Murat Theatre at
Old National Centre

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VENUE

Murat Theatre at Old National Centre
502 N. New Jersey St.
Indianapolis, IN 46204
317-231-0000

PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION

- Parking at the Old National Centre (Murat Theatre) is \$10.00 and must be paid upon entry. Note parking spaces at the venue are limited, and we recommend using Uber, Lyft, or Taxi. Additional parking lots are located within walking distance to the theatre. Please bring cash as many overflow parking lots take cash only. To avoid additional parking charges, confirm if your hotel's parking garage allows for in-out privileges before driving to the theatre.
- ADA Accessible Entrance and Designated Parking: The main entrance is ADA accessible and located under the marquee at the front of the Old National Centre (Murat Theatre). The main entrance is accessed from Alabama Street, located on the west side of the venue. Accessible parking is located directly to the right of the marquee.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Check in Friday or Saturday to receive your reader card (**Bring card to the ceremony**).
- Pre-ordered regalia: Wear cap, gown, and tassel (Hint: Use bobby pins to hold cap in place).
- Bring your hood (master's and doctoral degrees only).
- Do not bring personal items to the staging room as there is no place to store them.
- Graduates are required to stay in the theatre until degrees are conferred at the end of the ceremony.

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

For a list of local activities and restaurants near downtown, visit www.visitindy.com or www.downtownindy.org/explore-downtown/play/. Main attractions near downtown Indianapolis include the Indianapolis Zoo, Central Canal, and Circle Centre Mall.

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Alumni Association

PurdueAlumni.org
purduealumni@purdue.edu

Career Services

Employment Search Assistance
careerservices@purdueglobal.edu

Commencement Office Ceremony Information

Graduation.PurdueGlobal.edu
graduation@purdueglobal.edu

Concord Law School

concordlawschool.edu

Jostens

Caps and Gowns, Announcements,
Diploma Frames
800-854-7464

Lifetouch Special Events

Commencement Ceremony Photography
events.lifetouch.com/purdueglobal

Customer Service
specialevents@lifetouch.com
800-505-9496

Office of the Registrar

Diploma, Transcript, and GPA Questions
registrar@purdueglobal.edu

Office of Student Life

Honor Society Questions
studentlife@purdueglobal.edu

Purdue University Global Online Store

PurdueGlobalGear.com

Student Accounts

Account Balance and Payment Questions
studentaccounts1@purdueglobal.edu
866-522-7741

GRADUATION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Time Zone: Eastern Standard Time

Location: Murat Theatre at Old National Centre • 502 N. New Jersey Street • Indianapolis, IN 46204

FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2019

4:30 pm – 6:30 pm	Graduate Check-In and Graduate Services Area <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Early check-in available and visit the Graduate Services Area• Regular check-in one hour prior to ceremony on Saturday
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Alumni Meet and Greet <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learn about the Purdue Alumni Association• Graduates and families are invited• RSVP by May 8 at www.purduealumni.org/PGMeetandGreet
7:00 pm – 7:45 pm	School of Nursing Pinning Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6:30 pm–Doors open for Pinning Ceremony seating• Nursing graduates only• Attire: business casual

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2019

MORNING COMMENCEMENT

Business, Information Technology, and Health Sciences

8:30 am	Graduates: Check-in for morning ceremony and visit Graduate Services Area Guests: Theatre doors open for guest seating
9:00 am	Graduate Line Up and Announcements
9:30 am – 11:30 am	Morning Commencement

AFTERNOON COMMENCEMENT

Social and Behavioral Sciences, Education, Nursing, and Concord Law School

12:30 pm	Graduates: Check-in for afternoon ceremony and visit Graduate Services Area Guests: Theatre doors open for guest seating
1:00 pm	Graduate Line Up and Announcements
1:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Afternoon Commencement

JOIN THE CELEBRATION

Text to Screen

Send a congratulatory text to 847-232-6556 and your message will be visible to all those attending commencement and those watching on Facebook Live. Messaging and data rates may apply.

Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook

Share your celebratory messages and photos with the Purdue University Global community by including **#PurdueGlobalProud** in your posts.

Live Stream

The graduation ceremonies are broadcast live on Purdue University Global's Facebook page (facebook.com/purdueglobal).

Personalized Video Clip

Watch your inbox after the ceremony for a personalized video of YOU crossing the stage. Share it on your social media channels with **#PurdueGlobalProud**.

GRADUATE CHECK-IN AND GRADUATE SERVICES AREA

All graduates must check in to receive a reader card, which is used to announce your name as you cross the stage.

The following departments will be present on Friday and Saturday to offer assistance:

CAREER SERVICES – Information regarding employment search after graduation, including resumes, interviews, and networking.

GRADUATE SERVICES – Exchange caps, gowns, or tassels. Sizes and quantities are limited.

MILITARY AFFAIRS – Veterans, active military students, and/or their spouses can pick up a commemorative challenge coin.

OFFICE OF RETURNING STUDENTS – Information regarding your next degree with Purdue University Global.

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR – Grade point average (GPA) and degree questions, and academic honor cord exchanges.

PURDUE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION – Tap into the power of 630,000 accomplished alumni and grow, both personally and professionally.

SOCIAL MEDIA ZONE – Visit the Social Media Zone and receive a complimentary souvenir photograph.

STUDENT FINANCE – Guidance and support for financial questions.

SHARE YOUR SUCCESS STORY TODAY

At Purdue University Global, we build futures one success story at a time. Please take a moment to share your story and let us know how you are doing. Visit SuccessStory.PurdueGlobal.edu to submit your success story today.


EMPLOYMENT SEARCH ASSISTANCE

Career Services can help you to prepare for life after graduation.

The CareerNetwork is accessible via the Purdue Global Campus portal, and designed as a social platform for you to collaborate with other students, fellow graduates, and the Career Services team to answer specific job search questions. In addition, you can search for jobs 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The job tracker has been created specifically for Purdue University Global students and focuses on positions based on a student's program of study and geographic location. The tracker houses job posts from CareerBuilder and its partners, thus offering a large number of available jobs for you to view.

The CareerNetwork also allows you to create a professional profile that offers the opportunity to:

- Complete a work interest assessment
- Submit a resume and cover letter for review/guidance
- Sign up for an exit interview with a Career Services staff member upon graduation
- Update current employment status
- Apply for employment opportunities geared toward your program of study and geographic area



**CONGRATULATIONS
2019 GRADUATES!**

Your Purdue University Global degree is the first step to achieve your career goals. The Purdue Alumni Association is proud to serve Boilermakers throughout life's journey.

Tap into the power of membership in the Purdue Alumni Association and amplify your life in pursuit of lifelong learning.

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Attire

- **Dress:** Business professional.
- Wear low heels or flats as there are many stairs in the venue.
- All graduates participating in the ceremony must wear regalia: black gown, black cap, tassel.
- **Cap:** Graduates are allowed to decorate the tops of their caps. Decorations must be in good taste, and appropriate for all audiences.
- **Undergraduate-level candidates:** Tassel is color-coded by program of study and should be placed on RIGHT side of cap.
- **Master's-level and doctoral-level candidates:** Tassel is black and should be placed on LEFT side of cap. Master's-level and doctoral-level graduates will be hooded during the ceremony, so graduates should carry the hood over your left arm (not wear it). The hood's velvet border is color-coded by program of study.
- Deadline for online regalia orders has passed. If you missed the deadline, call Jostens at 800-854-7464 to see if a late order can be filled. Late orders are not guaranteed and may be subject to additional late/rush fees.
- A list of degrees and corresponding tassel/hood colors can be found on the Graduation Center page.



Seating

Guest seating is open and on a first-come, first-served basis. Graduate seating is assigned and based on school and degree level. Tickets are not required. Doors will open for guest seating one hour prior to each ceremony. ADA-accessible seating is available within the theatre for both graduates and guests (see Disability Services below for more information). To ensure safety, infants and small children must be seated in the guest seating area and supervised by an adult guest during the ceremony.

Please be respectful of other graduates and guests and remain seated until the end of the ceremony.



Disability Services

The Murat Theatre at Old National Centre complies with ADA requirements.

Designated ADA seating is located within the theatre. Guests do not require reservations for accessible seating, but should notify the ushers upon arrival. Graduates requiring accessible seating or assistance crossing the stage should contact the Center for Disability Services at cds@purdueglobal.edu by May 3, 2019, to make arrangements. Graduates and guests with mobility impairments are encouraged to bring their own wheelchairs to the graduation events.



Diplomas

Diplomas are not distributed at the graduation ceremony. Diplomas are automatically mailed by the Office of the Registrar approximately eight weeks after graduates complete their final class and fulfill all program and financial requirements as stated in the University Catalog. For questions regarding diplomas, please email the Office of the Registrar at rsupport@purdueglobal.edu. Additionally, diploma frames can be ordered through Jostens.



Photography

Lifetouch Photography will take professional individual headshot photos of graduates, in addition to capturing each graduate on stage. Graduates will be emailed the photography website link to view and purchase photographs 2-3 weeks after the ceremony. Graduates and guests may take photographs during the ceremony from their seats, but are prohibited from standing in the aisles.



Flower Sales

A limited amount of fresh floral bouquets will be available for purchase on Saturday. Flowers can also be pre-ordered online at www.kendrickcreations.com through May 10, 2019. To pre-order, click the "Fresh Floral Bouquets" tab. Select the arrangement that you would like, then click the link (paypal.me/KendrickCreations) to enter the price of the bouquet you want to purchase. For specific color requests, questions, or if you do not have a PayPal account, please send Kendrick Creations a message through the "Contact Us" tab.