Associate and bachelor's degrees will be conferred at the university ceremony. The ceremony is expected to last approximately one hour. Degree candidates wishing to be excused from Commencement must indicate their intention by going to the Hokie Spa website under “Application for Degree” and clicking on “I will not be attending Commencement.” Be sure to update your mailing address.

Diplomas
Undergraduate diplomas are not presented at the university ceremony. They are presented at the separate college and department ceremonies, except in the case of department ceremonies that are held on Friday.

Undergraduate diplomas for candidates attending Friday departmental ceremonies may be picked up on Saturday during the time and location set by the department. If you prefer, you may request that your diploma be mailed by logging into Hokie Spa, selecting “Degree Menu” then selecting “Undergraduate Degree Menu” and “Add/Update Diploma Mailing Address.”

Note: This process will not alter your participation in the university or college/department ceremony.

If you have questions about your diploma, please call the Registrar’s office at 540-231-6252, or visit their website at http://registrar.vt.edu/graduation-multi-brief.html.

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NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY
Sunday, May 13, 2018 at 1:00 p.m., Center for the Arts, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA
(There are no guest limits or ticket requirements for commencement ceremonies.)

Diplomas
Doctoral diplomas are presented during the Graduate Ceremony. Master’s degree diplomas and education specialist certificates are mailed to the address that candidates are asked to provide to the Graduate School through Hokie Spa.

Participation
All candidates must confirm their plans to attend Commencement by May 1, 2018. Please confirm your attendance through Hokie Spa. Refer to the following website for information: www.nvc.vt.edu/current-students/graduation. You may also contact the Graduate Student Services Office at 703-538-8327 or email your inquiry to gssoncr@vt.edu.

Check-in for all participants begins at 11:30 a.m. Graduate candidates should report to their department tables where they will be directed to robing rooms. Personal belongings cannot be stored in the robing rooms so be prepared to make arrangements in advance to secure personal items. All graduate candidates will march by degree, college, and department. Lineup will begin at 12:30 p.m. Late arrivals will march at the end of the line.

Guest Seating
Guests are urged to arrive in time to be seated in advance of the procession, which will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m. Doors open at 12:15 p.m.

GENERAL INFORMATION
Commencement Website: www.vt.edu/commencement

To assist you in locating the section where your degree candidate is seated during the University Ceremony, the following plan for seating is provided:

Worsham Field West:
• 2018 Class Officers
• Honors Students
• Natural Resources & Environment
• Liberal Arts & Human Sciences
• Engineering

Worsham Field East:
• Faculty, Ph.D., Ed.D.
• D.V.M., Master’s
• Science
• Business
• Architecture & Urban Studies
• Agriculture & Life Sciences

Programs
Undergraduate candidates will be provided one complete Commencement program with a full listing of student names. Each college or department that holds a separate ceremony will receive programs for distribution to their respective students. Full programs will be distributed at the Graduate School and National Capital Region Commencement ceremonies. The final program, complete with student names, will be available online for anyone wishing to print additional copies.

Graduate and University Ceremonies Broadcast Live
Virginia Tech will offer live streaming video of the Graduate and University Commencement ceremonies. Links to the streams for both events will be accessible from www.vt.edu approximately one hour before each ceremony begins. At the conclusion of each ceremony, the video will be archived and accessible from the Commencement website at www.vt.edu/commencement.

Graduation Degree Requirements
In order to receive a degree, a student must have satisfied all academic requirements, must have fulfilled all financial obligations to the university, and must not have any pending charges, active suspensions, or dismissals by the Honor or Student Conduct systems.

Announcements, Diploma Frames, Gifts, Flowers, and Commencement T-shirts
Personalized announcements may be ordered in advance at www.bookstore.vt.edu. Diploma frames, graduation gifts, non-personalized announcements, and Commencement T-Shirts that list the names of the graduating class may be purchased at the on-campus University Bookstore, Volume Two Bookstore off-campus, and at www.bookstore.vt.edu. On graduation day Commencement T-Shirts are available from on-site vendors. Graduation bouquets may be ordered in advance at www.bookstore.vt.edu, and on graduation day are available from on-site vendors.

When To Arrive
Due to multiple ceremonies being held in the same venue, it is recommended that guests not arrive more than one hour in advance of a scheduled ceremony to avoid traffic and parking delays or long wait times for building entry. Every effort will be made to have doors open approximately one hour prior to all college or departmental ceremonies.

Tickets Are Not Required for Commencement Ceremonies
Tickets are not required for Commencement ceremonies, and there is no limit to the number of guests you may bring. However, if attending a college or departmental ceremony in a smaller venue, please consider limiting your guests to immediate family. overcrowding is not a concern in the larger venues, such as Lane Stadium, Cassell Coliseum, and Burruss Hall Auditorium.

Class Rings
All graduates may order class rings through the Alumni Association by calling 540-231-6285 or by visiting www.vt.edu/classring.

Academic Apparel: Caps, Gowns, Hoods, Tassels, and Sashes
Academic apparel is required for all graduation ceremonies. Caps, gowns, hoods, and tassels may be purchased from University Bookstore on-campus (540-231-5991), Volume Two Bookstore off-campus (540-231-9674) and at www.bookstore.vt.edu.

Students who have a 3.40 GPA or above may also purchase an honor sash and pin packet to wear on their gowns. At the end of March a list of undergraduate students with a 3.40 GPA or above is provided to each bookstore location. Periodic updates are made to this list.

Diploma frames, graduation gifts, non-personalized announcements, and Commencement T-Shirts that list the names of the graduating class may be purchased at the on-campus University Bookstore, Volume Two Bookstore off-campus, and at www.bookstore.vt.edu. On graduation day Commencement T-Shirts are available from on-site vendors. Graduation bouquets may be ordered in advance at www.bookstore.vt.edu, and on graduation day are available from on-site vendors.

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Becoming Alumni of Virginia Tech
Graduation from Virginia Tech means you are continuing your VirginiaTech4Life relationship with the University. Update your contact information and stay in touch through alumni chapters, reunions, events, and special programs of the Alumni Association. For more information: www.alumni.vt.edu.

Accessibility Information for Individuals with Disabilities
Accessible seating for persons with impaired mobility is available at Cassell Coliseum and Lane Stadium. Accessible parking is available in the Cassell Coliseum parking lot on Beamer Way located directly across the street from the Merryman Center, and in the Lane Stadium parking lot for the University ceremony guests. Individuals with mobility impairment who are attending a ceremony in Cassell Coliseum are advised to enter through the Merryman Center entrance.

For additional information concerning accessibility and disability accommodations, visit the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) online at www.ssd.vt.edu, or call 540-231-3788. Two weeks prior to the Commencement ceremony, “Accessible (impaired mobility) Parking Passes”—which are not required if you have a DMV handicap tag—will be available for pickup at 310 Lavery Hall above the Turner Place dining facility.

 Lodging and Dining on the Blacksburg Campus
The Division of Student Affairs’ Conference and Guest Services offers an alternative to hotel lodging. In an effort to provide convenient, low-cost accommodations, Conference and Guest Services is pleased to provide residence hall space for families and guests of graduates. On-campus dining will be available at D2, Squires Food Court, and Deet’s Place coffee shop, as noted below.

Advance reservations for lodging are required, and full payment is due at the time that reservations are made. Online reservations and payment may be made at www.housing.vt.edu/conference/lodging.

For details and reservation information, contact Conference and Guest Services at 540-231-5721. You may also send an email inquiry to conferences@vt.edu.

Inclement Weather Instructions
In the event of inclement weather, the University Ceremony at Lane Stadium may be delayed or possibly canceled. Once the decision has been made, details will be posted on the Virginia Tech homepage (www.vt.edu), and the Virginia Tech News homepage (www.vtnews.vt.edu).

In addition, a broadcast email will be sent to all students, faculty, and staff; a recorded message will be placed on the University Weather Line (540-231-6668); and information will be shared with other local media outlets. The announcement will also be posted to the VT News page on Twitter (www.twitter.com/vtnews) and the Virginia Tech page on Facebook (www.facebook.com/virginiatech). The university may use VT Alerts, depending on conditions.

Official Photographer
GradImages® will be the official photographer for Spring 2018 Commencement ceremonies on the Virginia Tech campus. These photographers will be the only persons with clear access to the stages.

On Wednesday, May 9, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., GradImages® will offer optional free portrait sittings in the Holtzman Alumni Center, 2nd Floor Library. All graduating students, both undergraduate and graduate, should wear their own cap and gown. As many accoutrements as desired, such as stoles, honors cords, and sashes, may be worn for the portrait sitting. No appointment is necessary.

Although students are not obligated to make a purchase, by registering an email address online prior to graduation, graduating students are eligible for a $5 discount on any photo order of more than $25. GradImages® will send proofs by mail--and by email if an address is provided--approximately one week after the ceremony.

If you have any questions about your order, please contact GradImages® by phone at 800-261-2576 or online at www.gradimages.com/virginiatech.

Security Measures
Please follow the Lane Stadium clear bag policy in all venues: Clear Bag Policy. Wrapped packages will not be allowed. You may carry in one unopened bottle of water. Strollers and umbrellas will be allowed in Lane Stadium and Cassell Coliseum. However, all items are subject to search.

Virginia Tech does not discriminate against employees, students, or applicants on the basis of age, color, disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, political affiliation, race, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, veteran status, or any other basis protected by law. For inquiries regarding non-discrimination policies, contact the assistant vice president, Office for Equity and Accessibility at 540-231-8771 or Virginia Tech, North End Center, Suite 2300 (0318), 300 Turner St. NW, Blacksburg, VA 24061.

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**SPRING 2018 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY SCHEDULE**

**Thursday, May 10, 2018**

- Deet’s Place (gourmet coffee, ice cream, and pastry) at Dietrick Dining Center, Lower Level, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Au Bon Pain Cafe (soups, salads and sandwiches) at Squires Food Court, Squires Student Center, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**GRADUATE SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY**

- Cassell Coliseum, 2:30 p.m.

**Friday, May 11, 2018**

- *Commencement Breakfast* at D2 at Dietrick Hall, Upper Level, 6:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
- *Commencement Brunch/Lunch* at Dietrick Dining Center, Lower Level, 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- Deet’s Place (gourmet coffee, ice cream, and pastry) at Squires Food Court, Squires Student Center, 6:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- *Commencement Dinner* at D2 at Dietrick Hall, Upper Level, 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY**

- Lane Stadium/Worsham Field, 8:30 a.m.

**COLLEGE AND DEPARTMENTAL COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES**

- **Agriculture and Life Sciences** at Cassell Coliseum, 12 noon.
- **Pamplin College of Business** at Cassell Coliseum, 3:30 p.m.
- **Liberal Arts and Human Sciences**
  - Apparel, Housing and Resource Management at Bursrrus Hall, Auditorium, 3:30 p.m.
  - Communication at Squires Student Center, Commonwealth Ballroom, 12:30 p.m.
  - Political Science and International Studies at Bursrrus Hall, Auditorium, 3:30 p.m.
  - Religion and Culture at Squires Student Center, Old Dominion Ballroom, 3:00 p.m.
  - Sociology at Moss Arts Center, Anne and Ellen Fife Theatre, 2:30 p.m.
  - Theatre and Cinema at Squires Student Center, Studio Theatre, 3:00 p.m.
- **Science**
  - Computational Modeling and Data Analytics at Squires Student Center, Haymarket Theatre, 2:30 p.m.
  - Nanoscience at The Biocomplexity Institute, Conference Room 145, 1:00 p.m.
  - Statistics at Squires Student Center, Commonwealth Ballroom, 12:30 p.m.
  - Systems Biology at The Biocomplexity Institute, Conference Room 145, 1:00 p.m.
- **VA-MD COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY**
  - Moss Arts Center, Anne and Ellen Fife Theatre, 6:00 p.m.
- **CORPS OF CADETS COMMENCEMENT & ROTC COMMISSIONING CEREMONY**
  - Bursrrus Hall, Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday, May 12, 2018**

- *Commencement Breakfast* at D2 at Dietrick Hall, Upper Level, 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- Deet’s Place (gourmet coffee, ice cream, and pastry) at Dietrick Dining Center, Lower Level, 8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- Au Bon Pain Cafe (soups, salads and sandwiches) at Squires Food Court, Squires Student Center, 7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**COLLEGE AND DEPARTMENTAL COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES**

- **Architecture and Urban Studies** at Cassell Coliseum, 8:30 a.m.
- **Engineering**
  - Biological Systems Engineering at Cassell Coliseum, 8:00 a.m.
  - Chemical Engineering
  - Computer Science
  - Electrical and Computer Engineering
  - Industrial and Systems Engineering
  - Mining and Minerals Engineering at Cassell Coliseum, 11:00 a.m.
- **Aerospace and Ocean Engineering**
- **Civil Engineering**
- **Construction Engineering and Management**
- **Engineering Science and Mechanics**
- **Materials Science Engineering**
- **Mechanical Engineering**

**Liberal Arts and Human Sciences**

- **English** at Squires Student Center, Commonwealth Ballroom, 8:30 a.m.
- **Foreign Languages and Literatures** at Squires Student Center, Colonial Hall, 10:00 a.m.
- **History** at Squires Student Center, Commonwealth Ballroom, 11:30 a.m.
- **Human Development and Family Science** at Cassell Coliseum, 2:30 p.m.
- **Music** at Squires Student Center, Recital Salon, 9:30 a.m.
- **Philosophy** at Torgersen Hall, Room 2150, 11:00 a.m.
- **Science & Technology in Society.** at Hahn Horticulture Garden, Washington Street, 12:30 p.m.

**Natural Resources and Environment**

- **Moss Arts Center, Anne and Ellen Fife Theatre** at Moss Arts Center, Anne and Ellen Fife Theatre, 8:30 a.m.

**Science**

- **Biological Sciences** at Bursrrus Hall, Auditorium, 11:30 a.m.
- **Chemistry** at Lyric Theatre, 135 College Avenue, 9:00 a.m.
- **Economics** at McBryde Hall, Room 100, 12:00 noon
- **Geosciences** at Hancock Hall, Room 100, 10:00 a.m.
- **Mathematics** at McBryde Hall, Room 100, 9:00 a.m.
- **Neuroscience** at Moss Arts Center, Anne and Ellen Fife Theatre, 1:00 p.m.
- **Physics** at Davidson Hall, Room 281, Auditorium, 1:00 p.m.
- **Psychology** at Bursrrus Hall, Auditorium, 2:30 p.m.

**Sunday, May 13, 2018**

**NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY**

- Center for the Arts, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA, 1:00 p.m.

**Meals tickets may be purchased at** [www.housing.vt.edu/conference/lodging](http://www.housing.vt.edu/conference/lodging) **or you may pay by cash, check, or credit card at the door. For details, call 540-231-5721. For the most up-to-date hours, please visit the Dining Center Operation Hours page at [www.dining.vt.edu/hours](http://www.dining.vt.edu/hours).**

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