Starting May 2018, the University Commencement ceremonies will carry the title "University Commencement" but also identifying individual participating colleges. With the expanding number of graduates at each ceremony, nothing is more important than allowing each student to walk across the stage and be individually recognized by name among the applause of his or her family and friends.

**University Commencement**

Thursday, December 13, 2018
6 p.m. at NRG Arena

**IMPORTANT:** All graduation candidates report to NRG Arena **promptly at 5 p.m.**

Tickets are not required for the University Commencement.

**Parking**

[Parking Map for NRG Arena](https://www.egr.uh.edu)

Parking rate is **$12 per space “Cash Only”**.

ADA Parking (Blue Lot) and assistance will be available for ADA guests through the back of NRG Arena.

If you have further questions please contact Sandra Sierra at 713-743-1045.
Commencement Speaker

TBA

Unable to Attend Commencement? Stream it Live!

To view the live streaming version of the University commencement, please click here [4].

Graduation Deadlines

Friday, September 28: End of regular filing period to apply online for Fall 2018 graduation with non-refundable $25 fee. Go to myUH (Peoplesoft) to apply.

Friday, October 26: End of late filing period to apply online for Fall 2018 graduation with non-refundable $50 fee. Go to myUH (Peoplesoft) to apply.

Undergraduate Students

If you plan to participate in the University Commencement, reservations are required. RSVP forms available here [5], complete and submit the form: ?Yes? if attending or ?No? if not attending the ceremony. Forms must be completed by Monday, December 3, 2018.

Graduate Students

If you plan to participate in the University Commencement, reservations are required. RSVP forms available here [6], complete and submit the form: ?Yes? if attending or ?No? if not attending the ceremony. Forms must be completed by Monday, December 3, 2018.

PhD Dissertation and Master Thesis students must submit your first draft for review two weeks before you defend or the latest by Wednesday, November 21, 2018 to Miranda Vernon-Harrison in Room E421-D3. Graduation candidates must successfully defend the thesis/dissertation by Wednesday, December 5, 2018. After being approved by Miranda Vernon-Harrison, your thesis or dissertation must be submitted for binding to her by Wednesday, December 12, 2018.

Fall Grad Fair

TBA

Caps and Gowns

TBA
Cougar Spirit Cord

The Cougar Spirit Cord is a red and white honor cord that graduating Coogs wear at the commencement to show pride and support for your university. More information here.

Graduation Photo Ordering Information

TBA

Undergraduate Students: Graduating with Academic Honors

Academic honor is determined upon final completion of all degree requirements.

Undergraduate students who complete their degree requirements under catalogs beginning in Fall 2010 will graduate with the stated academic honors if they achieve the following grade point averages earned in the last fifty-four (54) hours (all of which must be A, B, C,? letter grade courses) completed at the University of Houston. Grades of S, U, I and W are not assigned grade point values and are not used in the computation of the grade point average. (See Catalog for Honors.)

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Further, the honors calculation will include all hours completed in the semester in which the first of those final fifty-four (54) hours was completed.

Undergraduate Students: Walking with Academic Honors at University Commencement

For the graduation ceremony, the final semester is not factored into the calculation because final semester grades are not completely posted until after the ceremony.

Honors announced during the graduation ceremony are calculated using the last 54 hours less the number of hours taken in the final semester.

After the graduation ceremony and when final semester grades are fully posted then honors eligibility is recalculated using the final 54 hours. This will then be the official honors if any that will be listed on the transcript and diploma.

Commencement Program
Unless privacy protected, all student names will be included in the Commencement Program regardless of participation. Every effort is made to include the names of all official graduates in the printed Commencement Program. We also will include any honors earned by the student. However, please be aware that the program is not an official document with regard to eligibility for graduation or any honors conferred. Inclusion of a name in the program is not a guarantee of graduation or honors.

Photography

There will be a professional photographer on stage during the ceremony who will take photos of each graduate. You will receive proofs at the mailing address on your walk card. You will then be able to order photos directly through the commercial firm. The website link for the professional photographer: www.flashphotography.com [9]. Please ask your family and guests to take their photographs from their seats or before/after the ceremony. The Fire Marshall asks that we keep the aisles of the Hofheinz Pavilion clear at all times.

Diplomas

Degrees will not be posted to transcript until the college checks your Spring 2018 grades.

Allow about 6 to 8 weeks from December 14, 2018 for Fall 2018 grades to be checked, degrees to post to transcripts and diplomas to be mailed.

Additional Questions

If you have any questions regarding the University Commencement celebration you may contact:

- Undergraduate students may contact Shirley Mate in Room E421-D3 or call 713-743-4208
- Graduate students may contact Miranda Vernon-Harrison in Room E421-D3 or call 713-743-3395

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Links:
[1] https://www.egr.uh.edu/current-students/commencement