Ticket Information
Tickets are not required for admission into the ceremony.

Caps and Gowns
Master’s candidates are required to wear a black cap and gown and a black tassel to the ceremony. Caps, gowns, and tassels may be purchased from the University Bookstore, in the Memorial Union or go to their website www.isubookstore.com/SiteText.aspx?id=551

Ph.D. candidates are required to wear official ISU doctorate regalia (red gown). Contact the University Bookstore in the Memorial Union or go to their website www.isubookstore.com/SiteText.aspx?id=551 for rental information by no later than Friday, November 9th.

Go directly to your line-up area and check in with Registrar’s staff. See map on reverse side to locate your lineup area.

Line-up Areas
Candidates must report to their line-up areas as follows:

Master’s Candidates:
Report near the North side of Hilton Coliseum no later than 6:00 p.m.

Ph.D. Candidates:
Report to Benton Auditorium in the Scheman Building by no later than 6:00 p.m.

Do not take a commencement program at the entrance; we will provide one for you on your chair.

Leave purses, coats, and other valuables with family or friends since there will be no secure place in the line-up area to leave these items.

The Ceremony
The ceremony will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. and end at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Recessional
At the end of the ceremony, please remain standing until the Platform Party recessional has concluded. There will not be a student recessional. Family and friends are welcome to come to the arena floor following the recessional to greet you and take photographs.

Ph.D. Candidates
Official ISU doctorate regalia (red gown) must be either purchased by Friday, October 19th or rented through the University Bookstore by Friday, November 9th. Regalia rented after this date may have late charges added and/or not arrive in time for the ceremony.

Hooding Video:
Please view hooding demo by going to the following website https://www.graduation.iastate.edu/university-commencement/phds
Graduate College Line-Up Areas in Hilton Coliseum (Fall Semester)

Masters Candidates
*black tassel* After entering Hilton from the South Entrance, turn left and proceed to the Northwest corner.

Ph.D. Candidates
Candidates will line up in the Scheman Building (located to the west of Hilton Coliseum). Enter through the south doors and proceed to Benton Auditorium on the 100-level. Check in with staff outside the auditorium.

*Leave purses, coats, and other valuables with family or friends since there will be no secure place in the line-up areas to leave these items.*

Attendance and Diploma Information:
Diplomas *will not* be handed out during the ceremony.

Graduation requirements will be verified *after* December 15th and diplomas will be mailed on January 15th, 2018, to all candidates who have successfully completed degree requirements.

Update your diploma mailing address and university ceremony attendance information in Access+ (Student tab>Graduation>Diploma/Ceremony) through Tuesday, December 11th.

After December 11th, you will need to contact the Graduation Office, 210 Enrollment Services Center, by phone at (515) 294-8381 or by e-mail at graduation@iastate.edu with any changes.

Special Assistance:
Candidates needing special assistance (e.g., wheelchair, sign language interpreter, captionist, etc.) prior to or during the commencement ceremony should contact Jennifer Suchan by phone at (515) 294-8381 or by email at jsuchan@iastate.edu before November 30th, to make arrangements.

Guests: handicap parking is available in the C-1/ C-2 parking lots. Guests can be dropped off at the lower west entrance of Hilton Coliseum. For convenience, there is an elevator located inside the door.

Special accommodation seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Guests in need of special accommodation seating (i.e., wheelchair seating and limited step seating) should locate an usher upon arrival in the seating area.

For More Information Contact:
Graduation Office
210 Enrollment Services Center
Phone: 515-294-1840
Email: graduation@iastate.edu
Web: www.graduation.iastate.edu