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, a black tassel and a masters hood (according to the degree you are receiving) to the ceremony. Caps, gowns, hoods and tassels may be purchased from the University Bookstore, in the Memorial Union or go to their website https://www.isubookstore.com/merchlist?ID=8392

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: https://www.isubookstore.com/shop/graduation/phd 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 at 6:00 p.m.

Ph.D. Candidates:
Report to Benton Auditorium in the Scheman Building at 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

Hood Information:
The Office of the Registrar will provide each candidate with a Ph.D. hood to use during the ceremony.

If you will be bringing your own hood to the ceremony, contact Deb Lettow in the Graduation Office, 210 Enrollment Services Center, by email at dsletto@iastate.edu before Friday, December 14th.

If you use one of the Ph.D. hoods provided by the Office of the Registrar during the ceremony do not return the hood with your rental cap and gown. Return your hood either to Registrar’s staff on stage following the ceremony or to the Graduation Office, 210 Enrollment Services Center, by Tuesday, December 18th.

The hood must be returned to the Office of the Registrar, not the University Bookstore, by Tuesday, December 18th, or you will be billed $175.00 for replacement costs of the hood and a hold will be placed on your university record. If you would like to keep the hood longer, contact Deb Lettow in the Graduation Office, 210 Enrollment Services Center, by email at dsletto@iastate.edu by Monday, December 17th, to make arrangements.

For more information regarding Ph.D. procedures during the ceremony go to the following website: https://www.graduation.iastate.edu/university-commencement/phds

Photography
All photographs taken at commencement will be posted on the Flash Photography website (www.flashphotography.com/). You will receive instructions via email from the photographer on how to view and purchase photographs.

Photography Information for Ph.D. Candidates: Flash Photography will take your photograph prior to crossing the stage and again as you are being hooded and shaking hands with the President or Provost.

Photography Information for Master’s Candidates: Flash Photography will take your photograph prior to crossing the stage and again as you are receiving your diploma cover.

Questions regarding photographs should be directed to Flash Photography at www.flashphotography.com/ (select Contact Us tab) or phone (214) 443-9393.
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) 294-1840 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 Offic
210 Enrollment Services Center
Phone: 515-294-1840
Email: graduation@iastate.edu
Web: www.graduation.iastate.edu