Graduation and Commencement Information
May 20, 2018

There is a lot of information regarding graduation and commencement included below. Please read all sections thoroughly. If you have additional questions, please review the University's Commencement webpage: www.uri.edu/commencement.

GRADUATION

Things to do before graduation:

- Update E-Campus with address and name changes. Name in E-Campus is the name on diploma.
- **Clear any holds you have on your E-Campus account**
  - It is important that you verify that you do not have any sanctions or information restrictions placed on your academic record. If you have such restrictions, your name will not appear on the University program or in your local newspaper. It is your responsibility to take care of this matter if you wish to be recognized at commencement.
- **Remove any FERPA holds – so your name can be included in the Graduation Program**
  - To remove hold go to Self Service>Campus Personal Info>Privacy Settings>Edit Ferpa>Directory Restrictions
  - Check mailing address and update if needed

Transfer Credits:

- If you have taken a course at another institution you must earn a C or better for the course to transfer back to URI. You are responsible to have the transcript sent to URI. You should have it sent to: University of Rhode Island, ASF College of Education and Professional Studies, Academic and Student Affairs, 80 Washington Street, Suite 245, Providence, RI 02903.

Minor Forms:

- Your minor needs to be completed in the Department of the minor. It will be signed off at the department and then the form will be sent to the Assistant Dean for approval and posting. Your minor will be posted on ecampus. If you are a double major, your minor may appear in your other college. If you cannot see the minor under your academic plan(s), please resend the form.
Participation in Commencement: Undergraduates who have completed degree requirements by December 2017, May 2018, or August 2018 are eligible to participate in the May Commencement Ceremonies. If you do not pass all of your classes you can still walk at commencement – No need to call us, we will follow up with you after graduation.

August Graduation:
- You can walk at the May commencement with up to 9 credits remaining but you must be registered for the courses in the summer.
- Depending on the credits you have remaining, you may be able to take the summer course(s) at another institution. You will be responsible for getting the transcript sent to us by August 10, 2018, so that we can clear you for August Graduation. If we receive it after we have cleared the August graduation you will become a December Graduate.

Graduating with Honors
- Note that graduating with honors (Cum Laude) requires an overall GPA of 3.3, Magna Cum Laude is a 3.5, and Summa Cum Laude is a 3.7 as of May 20, 2018. Commencement brochure designates as of January 1, 2018. There are no honor cords for these.
- Honor cords for KDP and ASL are not available at the Bookstore and must be purchased directly from the honor societies.

Diplomas:
- Your diploma will be mailed late summer for May graduates, late September for August graduates.
- If you don’t receive it, chances are you have an outstanding balance, hold on account or bad mailing address. Call Enrollment Services 401-874-9500 to have it sent to you once you have everything cleared up.

Rehearsals:
- There are no commencement rehearsals. Assembly areas, processional routes, and seating plans will be indicated in the Commencement Program and website: [https://web.uri.edu/commencement/y2018/](https://web.uri.edu/commencement/y2018/). For the main ceremony, we will assemble between Quinn and the Memorial Union. Look for signs.

Photos:
- Grad Images takes the photos for commencement, they provide 3 professional shots. Proofs will be sent to your E-Campus email within 2 weeks after graduation.

Graduation NAME Cards will be completed when you arrive at Edwards Auditorium. You will receive instructions on where to line up and complete your Graduation Card.

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES
The URI Commencement includes two distinct ceremonies; the Alan Shawn Feinstein College of Education and Professional Studies (ASF CEPS) individual ceremony in Edwards Auditorium, followed by the URI Main Commencement Ceremony on the Quad. Both ceremonies will be held on Sunday May 20, 2018.

Attending the ASF CEPS Commencement Ceremony
Rain or Shine Location – Edwards Auditorium 9:00 am (tickets required) Edwards Auditorium will open at 8:30 am for guest seating. General guest seating is open. Low
mobility guest seating is reserved.

- Graduates should arrive at Edwards Auditorium no later than 8:30 am to line up alphabetically within their program. Faculty and staff will be on hand to guide you to where you will line up.
- The ceremony starts promptly at 9:00 am and last about 90 minutes.
- This is a more intimate ceremony during which you will hand your name card to the reader, your name will be announced, you will cross the stage, shake hands with the dean, receive your diploma cover, and be photographed as guests applaud your achievements.
- Disability access to Edwards Auditorium is available. Wheelchair and low mobility seating at this event is reserved and requires pre-registration. Low mobility seating is restricted to the guest with low mobility and one additional guest. All other guests in your party will have access to the general seating area. You will need to include information about guests needing low mobility seating when you reserve your College Ceremony tickets.

Tickets

- Tickets are required for entry into Edwards Auditorium.
- Register for your College Commencement Ceremony tickets [HERE].
- You will be notified when tickets are available to be picked up via URI email.
- Student ID is required to pick up tickets.
- Each guest (2 years and older) must have a ticket in order to enter Edwards Auditorium

Ticket Pick-up

One you have received notification that your tickets are ready, you will be able to pick up your tickets at one of two locations:

- Shepard Building, URI Feinstein Providence Campus Room 245, Monday-Thursday 8:30am-7:00pm, Friday 8:30am-3:45pm
- Chafee Hall, URI Kingston Campus, Room 705, Monday – Friday 8:30am- 4:30pm.

Dress in Conventional Graduation Regalia: To participate in any Commencement Ceremonies you must wear academic regalia, which includes a cap, gown, tassel, and optional honor cords. Your cap, gown, and tassel may be purchased at the University Bookstore; they are not returnable/refundable; URI student ID is required for purchase. Our college’s tassel color is light blue.
Honor cords are not available in the bookstore and need to be purchased through individual honor societies.

Attending the URI Main Commencement Ceremony

Sunshine Location - The Quadrangle

- The ceremony on the Quadrangle is open to the public. Seating is on a first come, first served basis and cannot be guaranteed. Folding chairs are not allowed.
- 11:30 AM - Graduates from each academic college will assemble in front of the Memorial Union.
- 12:30 PM - The graduation procession begins.

The full ceremony lasts about 90 minutes and will include the conferring of degrees by the President to the entire graduating class, main commencement speaker, student speaker, greetings by elected officials, and the presentation of honorary degrees. No individual student degrees are presented during this ceremony.
Rain Location – The Ryan Center (tickets required)

- If the rain plan is to be implemented, the decision will be made in the early morning. Information will be available on the URI home page. Signs will also be posted at all campus entrances.
- Each graduate will receive two (2) guest rain tickets for the Main Commencement Ceremony that are required for entry into the Ryan Center. Visit the Rain Plan section of the URI Commencement webpage for more information.
- Guests with a “CEPS ceremony” ticket may view a simulcast of the main ceremony at Edwards Auditorium, which will open at 11:30AM for a simulcast viewing of the Main Commencement ceremony.

Parking Information: Since our College Ceremony is at Edwards Auditorium at 9am, your first choice for parking should be the Briar Lane lot. As parking lots fill, there will be plenty of staff on-hand to direct you to other parking areas. Carpooling is strongly encouraged as space is limited. There are also other events happening in the area so please allow for extra travel time. Disability parking near Edwards Hall can be found behind the URI Foundation Building and Alumni Center.

Wear comfortable shoes: You and your guests are urged to wear comfortable shoes as it will be a long day and there will be plenty of walking. Snacks, water and sunscreen are also suggested.

Alcoholic Beverages: The possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited, during the commencement ceremonies. We appreciate your cooperation.

Hold on to your belongings: It is strongly advised that you do not give a family member or friend something to hold that you may need during commencement as you may not be able to find them. This includes your ID card, water, snacks and medications.

All information about Commencement is available online. The URI Commencement Ceremony website includes everything you need to know related to the weekend’s events. Visit https://web.uri.edu/commencement/y2018/ for a full list of activities and more information.

Disability Accommodations: Guests needing disability accommodations for Commencement, including wheelchair rentals, should contact Disability Services prior to commencement. More information is available at: https://web.uri.edu/commencement/visit/disability-services/.

Dinner and Hotel Reservations: Please refer to the local chamber of commerce websites at www.skchamber.com or www.narragansettcoc.com for a list of local accommodations. Dinner reservations should be made for around 4pm to allow for enough time to get off campus. Hotel reservations should be made in advance as accommodations will fill up quickly.

Post Graduation Survey: The ASF College of Education and Professional Studies will be emailing you a short survey to complete in October. It is very important that you complete this survey as it allows us to stay in touch with you and celebrate your post-graduation accomplishments.

Receipt of commencement information and participation in commencement ceremonies DOES NOT guarantee confirmation of graduation. It is the student’s responsibility to comply with and complete all graduation requirements, including but not limited to a minimum of 120 credits and a minimum overall GPA of at least a 2.0 (2.5 for Education majors) If you have any questions about these procedures please call Academic and Student Affairs at 401.277.5160.
Commencement Q & A

The questions below are specific to the Alan Shawn Feinstein College of Education and Professional Studies (ASF CEPS) Commencement Ceremony.

Why do we need tickets? In order to safely accommodate the increasing number of graduates and their guests in Edwards Auditorium and to ensure that venues are not filled over legal capacity, the Rhode Island State Fire Marshal’s Office has required the University to issue tickets for entry to all commencement venues (except the Quadrangle).

How many tickets do I get? Each graduate in ASF CEPS will receive up to 5 (five) tickets to the ASF CEPS ceremony in Edwards Auditorium and 2 (two) Rain plan tickets for the Ryan Center. All tickets are site and time specific and can only be used at the location printed on the ticket.

Can I use my rain plan Ryan Center tickets for Edwards Auditorium? NO, all tickets are site and time specific. Guests arriving with tickets to venues other than the ASF CEPS Edwards Auditorium ceremony will not be allowed in.

Who needs a ticket? All guests regardless of age need a ticket to attend the ASF CEPS ceremony in Edwards Auditorium. Students in cap and gown do not require a ticket.

What time does the ceremony start? The ASF CEPS ceremony will begin promptly at 9 am. Graduates should arrive no later than 8:30 am to line up according to major. Edwards Auditorium will open at 8:30 am for guest seating.

What if I lose or forget my tickets? Once you have picked up your tickets they are your responsibility. Lost or forgotten tickets will not be replaced.

My friend has extra tickets they are going to give me, is this okay? Yes, as long as the tickets are for the ASF CEPS ceremony in Edwards Auditorium. All tickets are site and time specific and can only be used at the location printed on the ticket.

I’m a double major; does this mean I get double the amount of tickets? Graduates who are double majors within two different colleges (Education students for example) will still receive 5 (five) tickets to the ASF CEPS ceremony in Edwards Auditorium. Graduates will need to check with the college of their second major for graduation and ticketing procedures. Students whose first and second major are both in ASF CEPS will still only receive 5 (five) tickets to the ASF CEPS ceremony in Edwards Auditorium.

What majors are graduating from ASF CEPS? Applied Communications, Business Institutions, Elementary Education, Secondary Education, Health Services Administration, and Human Studies.

If I have a minor in an ASF CEPS major can I get tickets to the ASF CEPS ceremony? No, only graduates within an ASF CEPS major will be given tickets to the ASF CEPS ceremony.

What if I have additional questions about Commencement? Please refer to the main commencement website at www.uri.edu/commencement. If you still have questions you can contact Academic and Student Affairs at 401-277-5160.