



RVUCOM-CO Class of 2025 Graduation Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Will my family need tickets to attend the graduation?

A: Each graduate is allowed to invite up to 9 guests. If you do not need all 9 tickets, you are welcome to share them with your classmates. This year, as a security measure, tickets will be required for entry to the seating area. These tickets will be distributed on campus on May 16th and all guests must present a ticket to gain entry to the seating area. **Guests without a ticket will not be allowed to enter.** Seating will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Q: Can you explain the policy for guest hooders?

A: Each RVUCOM graduate may select **ONE** Guest Hooder. Graduates who choose not to have a Guest Hooder will be hooded by a designated member of the RVU Faculty.

- Only **ONE** Guest Hooder per graduate will be permitted.
- You may designate any individual of your choice as your Guest Hooder, regardless of their degree level.
- Guidelines for Guest Hooder Selection:
 - Must be at least 18 years of age.
 - Must have complete mobility, as the ability to walk, stand, and navigate stairs is required during the ceremony.
 - All Guest Hooders are required to sit in a designated section, separate from the graduates and other attendees, for the entirety of the ceremony.

Q: What are my options if I don't have a guest hooder?

A: A designated member of the RVU faculty will hood any COM graduate who does not select a guest hooder.

Q: When is the guest hooder selection deadline?

A: You have until 9:00 AM on February 14th to select your hooder. If you need to change your guest hooder at the last minute, you may do so, however, no additions to the hooder list will be permitted after this date – **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Q: Is my hooder required to wear regalia?

A: All family hooders are required to dress in business professional attire. Participants who possess regalia are welcome to wear it; however, please note that RVU will not be responsible for procuring or assisting in the acquisition of regalia. If your hooder would like to purchase regalia that will be shipped directly to their home, they can order here:

<https://facultydirect.herffjones.com/>

*****Regalia will be provided for all full-time and adjunct RVU faculty members. Preceptors will need to supply their own regalia if they choose to wear it*****

Q: Can my guest hooder sit with my family?

A: The individual you select will be seated with the other hooders in a separate section of the venue for the duration of the ceremony.

Q: Will military students be hooded while in their military uniforms?

A: Military uniforms will be worn underneath regalia. After military graduates are hooded, they will remove their regalia backstage before the military commissioning ceremony.

Q: What is the anticipated length of the ceremony?

A: This is our first year with an increased class size; therefore, we anticipate the ceremony lasting approximately 2.5 hours.

Q: Is attendance at the Commencement Ceremony required?

A: Participation in the ceremony is mandatory to obtain your diploma.

Q: Do I have to attend Graduation Week events?

A: All graduates are required to be on campus on Friday, May 16th, for rehearsals, photos, and other related activities.

Q: Will my family be allowed to photograph me as I cross the stage?

A: Family members will not be permitted close enough to the stage to take photos. However, a professional photographer will be onsite to capture photos of each graduate on stage. Additionally, a Class Facebook page has been created and a link to this page, containing all ceremony photos and individual headshots, will be sent to the graduates.

Q: As an honors graduate, where do I get my honors cords?

A: Students who qualify for recognition at the ceremony will receive their honors cords while on campus on May 16th.

Q: I participated in a Track. Will I be given a stole?

A: Graduates who participated in a Track will receive their stoles while on campus on May 16th.

Q: How can I place an order for announcements?

A: A link with instructions on how to order regalia, diploma frames, and announcements through Herff Jones will be provided to graduates.

Q: How do I request disability accommodations for a family member?

A: Please fill out the graduation survey. You'll have the chance to let us know if any of your guests need accommodations for the ceremony.

Q: Where do I park? Does it cost anything?

A: The Ellie Caulkins Opera House is situated in downtown Denver at the Denver Performing Arts Complex, located at the corner of 14th and Curtis. The entrance to the parking garage, which can accommodate 1,700 vehicles, is on 13th and Arapahoe. Parking is available for \$17.00 and can be paid via cash or card.

Q: When will I receive my diploma?

A: Diplomas will be distributed immediately following the ceremony.

Q: I want to order a diploma frame. What are the dimensions of the diploma?

A: The dimensions of the DO diploma are 11" x 14".

Q: Will the ceremony be recorded or streamed?

A: The ceremony will be both recorded and live-streamed. Graduates will receive further details as the date nears.

Q: Is there a specific dress code for Graduation Week and the Graduation Ceremony?

A: Business professional attire is required for both Friday's activities and the Commencement Ceremony. During the ceremony, your regalia will cover your clothing but not your feet, so please refrain from wearing flip flops.

Q: Is attendance at the Graduation Party required?

A: Attendance at the graduation party is optional. However, it promises to be an enjoyable event, and we hope you can join us. Please note that the Graduation Party is exclusively for graduates and one guest each.

Q: Where can my family find the latest Commencement details?

A: Please refer them to the RVU website. About RVU/Events/Commencement.