



RVUCOM-UT Class of 2026 Graduation Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Will my family need tickets to attend the COM-UT Commencement Ceremony?

A: Each COM-UT graduate is allowed to invite up to **15** guests. If you do not plan to use all **15** tickets, you are encouraged to share any extras with fellow COM-UT graduates.

- As part of enhanced security measures, tickets will be required to access the seating area. All tickets will be issued electronically, and once your ticket quantity is confirmed, you will receive QR codes for entry. **Guests must present a valid ticket to enter the seating area; those without a ticket will not be admitted.** Tickets can only be scanned once, so please make sure that each person receives a different QR code. Seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Children who do not require their own seat do not need a ticket.

Q: How does the online ticketing system work?

A: Prior to the ceremony, all graduates will receive a link to the EventBrite website. After creating an account, their tickets will automatically appear in the app. COM-UT graduates may request up to **15** tickets, which will be delivered electronically to the email address provided. Once received, tickets can be transferred to guests or classmates via email or text. Please Note: once a ticket is transferred, it is no longer accessible or valid for the original holder.

It's important NOT to share the original secure ticket link with guests. Graduates must request their own tickets and then distribute any extras. If the secure link is shared externally, the associated tickets will be considered invalid.

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 – **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- 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.
 - 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: When is the guest hooder selection deadline?

A: You have until 9:00 AM on February 13th to select your hooder via the graduation survey. 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: Can my guest hooder sit with my family?

A: No, 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: 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.herrfjones.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: 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: 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: The ceremony is expected to last approximately 2 hours.

Q: What time should my family arrive at the venue to ensure they get good seats?

A: The COM-UT ceremony will begin promptly at 11:30 AM. Students should arrive by 10:15 AM to allow time to don regalia and line up. Venue doors will open at 11:00 AM for guests, and all seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

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 Thursday, 5/7, 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 7th.

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 7th.

Q: Do I get to keep my regalia?

A: Yes, the entire set of regalia is yours to keep.

Q: Am I able to receive my regalia before the graduation week activities?

A: No, unfortunately, we are unable to hand out regalia early.

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: When will I receive my diploma?

A: Diplomas will be distributed immediately following the ceremony.

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

A: All guests are encouraged to park in the main lot at the Dixie Convention Center, where parking is free of charge.

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: 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: 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 Thursday'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 and Awards Ceremony required?

A: Attendance at the graduation party/awards ceremony 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.