



University of Nevada, Reno

## 2009 SPRING COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION For Advanced Degrees: Master's Degrees, Education Specialist and Doctoral Degrees

**Date and Location:** The 2009 Advanced Degree Spring Commencement Ceremony is scheduled for **Friday evening, May 15th**. The procession begins at 4:50 p.m. Commencement is held on the main university quadrangle. **Please report to the quad by 4:40 p.m. You will be directed to your lineup location.** In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held at the Lawlor Events Center on North Virginia Street. If the ceremony is moved to Lawlor Events Center, graduates need to report to the ticket office entrance for specific line up location. The ceremony will conclude by 6:30 p.m.

**All in attendance are required to remain for the entire ceremony.**

**Academic Attire:** Caps and gowns may be obtained from the A.S.U.N. Bookstore housed in the Joe Crowley Student Union during the six-week period before Commencement. Tassels are worn on the right front side of the cap for pictures on stage. **Move tassels to the left after returning to your seat.** Advanced degree candidates wear their hoods in the procession except for Ed.D. and Ph.D. graduates. Faculty who are hooding doctoral students should line up and sit with their candidate

**Decorum:** All participants are expected to dress properly in honor of the occasion and to *exhibit mature behavior* during the Commencement activities. **Alcoholic Beverages are prohibited.**

**Procession:** Faculty Leaders and Graduates process at **4:50 p.m.**

**Recession:** The Recession is **TWO** abreast in an orderly manner as follows: Color Guard, University Marshal, President, Platform Groups, Regents, Provost and Academic Deans, Faculty. **The graduates follow the faculty and recess in the same manner.**

**Seating:** Families, friends, and the general public are cordially invited to attend the Advanced Degree Commencement ceremony. Ushers will escort special guests to the reserved seating area. Seating is first come, first serve. Seating for individuals with disabilities is available. Ushers will escort individuals with disabilities to the designated locations.

**Special Accommodations:** Interpreters for the Deaf will be present at the ceremony. Please follow the signs or ask a Student Ambassador for the location of the designated seating. If you require additional accommodations, please contact Hanna Rodgers at 682-5922.

**Parking:** Parking is available in the parking garage north and south of the Lawlor Events Center. Public parking areas are designated for use by the faculty, graduates, families and their friends. The shuttle service will be operating.

**Photographs:** As a service to students and their parents, a professional photographer will take a color photograph of each graduate as a scroll is received from the President. Order forms will be available prior to, during, and after Commencement.

**Diplomas:** Each candidate is evaluated for graduation following Commencement. A diploma and case will be mailed to the student after degrees are posted. Transcripts indicating degrees earned will be available five weeks after Commencement.

Any inquiries regarding Commencement should be directed to the Office of Admissions and Records at 784-4700, or you may visit the Commencement website at [www.unr.edu/commencement](http://www.unr.edu/commencement).

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- 4:40 p.m. Faculty forms in designated area.
- 4:50 p.m. Graduates march to seating area.  
Faculty and Presidential party move toward seating area.
- 5:00 p.m. Faculty and Presidential party stand in place. **Remain standing for the National Anthem.**
- 5:05 p.m. National Anthem (men remove caps) followed by the posting of flags. (Replace caps.)  
**(Audience is seated.)**
- 5:10 p.m. President's Welcome.
- 5:15 p.m. Graduate Student Welcome, GSA President 2009
- 5:20 p.m. President's Medals/Distinguished Nevadans.
- 5:25 p.m. Honorary Degrees.
- 5:30 p.m. Presentation of Advanced Degrees.
- 6:00 p.m. Alumni President
- 6:05 p.m. Graduate Student Farewell, GSA President 2008
- 6:10 p.m. Alma Mater **(audience stands)**.
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