

2025 Commencement Guidelines

What to Expect the Day of

COMMENCEMENT

Date: Saturday, December 13, 2025
Location: Alma McDonough Auditorium
Time: 1:00PM to approximately 2:00PM

CHECK-IN

All graduates **MUST** check in between 12:15 – 12:45 **OR YOUR NAME WILL NOT BE CALLED!**

The check-in table will be located in the hallway outside of the auditorium near the main entrance.

You must be checked-in, in regalia, and in your seat by 12:50PM. Silence your cell phone no later than 12:55.

Be sure to use the facilities to avoid the need mid-ceremony!

REGALIA

It is important to remove your gown from the packaging **well before the ceremony**. Wrinkles can be released by hanging the gown in the bathroom while you shower (it may be helpful to do so more than once) or you can schedule an appointment with the Career Center to use a professional clothes steamer.

The robe should be fastened at the top and your tassel should be worn on the right side of the cap. Only College approved academic accoutrements (cords, pins, stoles) should be worn, although mortar boards may be decorated to reflect your personal style.

CEREMONY

The President will offer a welcome, followed by remarks from the Provost. Following the College Hymn will be Conferral of Degrees!

At the request of the Provost, *candidates will rise BY DEGREE*. Bachelor of Arts candidates will be called to rise first. After the President delivers the Charge to the group, those standing will be seated and the first group will begin to be called forward.

When your name is read, you will move forward onto the stage to the side of the President, pause to shake hands, receive your diploma case, and SMILE for a photograph with the President.

Before you return to your seat, you will have the opportunity to move to a second microphone and briefly thank family, friends, faculty, and/or staff who have supported you along the path to your Marietta College degree.

The same process will then be repeated for the Bachelor of Science candidates.

After all degree candidates have returned to their seats, the President will ask all graduates to rise and turn their tassels in unison from the right side of the cap to the left side. The group will then be seated in unison.

Conferral of degrees will be followed by the Alma Mater and the President's closing remarks.

AFTER THE CEREMONY

Graduates and guests are invited to linger in the auditorium for photographs and congratulations. Light refreshments will be available in the Betty Cleland Room after the ceremony with additional space available for visiting on the third floor in the Gallery.