

Hooding Ceremony FAQs



College of Education: December 2019

Q: What is a Hooding Ceremony?

A: The Doctor of Education, Master of Arts, Master of Science and Specialist Hooding Ceremony is a special recognition ceremony for Ed.D., MAT, MS, and SPEC degree candidates during which a faculty member places the hood over the head of the graduate, signifying his or her success in completing the graduate program. **RSVPs are required and Academic apparel is required for this ceremony.** *The Hooding Ceremony is in addition to and does not replace the Commencement at the Taylor Center.*

Q: Who participates in the Hooding Ceremony?

A: The hooding ceremony will honor graduate students in **Counselling & Student Personnel, Educational Leadership, Elementary & Literacy Education, K-12 & Secondary Programs and Special Education** who are receiving the **Ed.D., MAT, MS or SPEC.**

Q: How do I participate in The College of Education Hooding Ceremony?

A: Students must RSVP online by [clicking here](#).

Q: Who is invited to attend?

A: This ceremony is tailored as a special honor for doctorate, master's and specialist recipients, who may invite their friends and family.

Q: Who performs the hooding?

A: Faculty members from the student's respected department will be in attendance to hood the graduate.

Q: Where is the ceremony?

A: The December Hooding Ceremony is held in the Halling Recital Hall in the Performing Arts building (PA-250) within the Performing Arts building on the campus of Minnesota State University-Mankato.

University Aerial map <http://www.mnsu.edu/maps/university/aerial.pdf>

Performing Arts building map <http://www.mnsu.edu/maps/university/buildings/pa-2.pdf>

Q: When is the ceremony?

A: This year's ceremony will be held **Saturday, December 14, 2019**

Ceremony begins at 9am.

Q: Are tickets required?

A: No, tickets are not required for guests or graduates.

Q: May children attend the ceremony?

A: Yes, children are welcome to attend the ceremony. Please bear in mind that the ceremony is 1 hour long (depending on the number of degree recipients).

B: Children are not permitted to join the processional, recessional or a parent on stage when s/he receives a hood. We acknowledge the concessions made by family members in the years preceding this day, but we must consider the experience of all degree candidates and restrict children to the guest seating section.

Q: How do I order regalia?

A: Please see the <https://www.mnsu.edu/graduation/prepare/apparel.html>

Q: Where can I pick up my regalia?

A: If you elected to pick-up your apparel on your Commencement registration form, you may pick-up your apparel from the Barnes & Noble Bookstore at Minnesota State. Pick-up dates and times from Barnes and Noble.

Note: It's much cheaper to pick up your apparel if you live in Mankato - everything is delivered to Barnes and Noble on campus and shipped from there.

It is highly recommended that you elect to pick up your apparel or have your apparel shipped to you to ensure the correctness of your order prior to the Commencement ceremony. If, however, you fail to pick-up your apparel ahead of time, you may pick up your apparel from the graduate line-up area on the day of Commencement.

Please note: If you did not elect to have your apparel shipped and you do not pick up your apparel prior to graduation, you will have 30 days after graduation to contact us and make arrangements to receive your apparel. After 30 days, your order will become property of Minnesota State Mankato.

Q: Where will my guests and I be able to park on the day of the ceremony?

A: Parking regulations for Minnesota State University-Mankato parking lots are waived for Saturday, December 14th.

Students and guests may park in any non-restricted parking lot on campus. **We suggest lot 16 right outside the Performing Arts building.** <http://www.mnsu.edu/maps/university/parking.pdf> Visitors with handicapped license plates or placards from a government agency may park in designated handicapped spaces or at parking meters.

Q: When should student and faculty participants arrive at the ceremony?

A: **Students and faculty who are participating in the hooding ceremony should plan to arrive by 8:30 a.m. Students should proceed to the basement of the Performing Arts building and find the table marked "Student Check-In"**

Q: When may my guests arrive for the hooding ceremony?

A: Guest seating will begin after 8:30 a.m. We expect a full house for the hooding ceremony; therefore, we ask that your guests not save any empty seats in their row.

Please keep the aisle ways open for the processional and recessional.

Q: Will photographs be available?

A: Official pictures will not be taken by the college for the Hooding event, please feel free to have your family members take photos.

We ask that all friends and family remain seated and not block the aisles while students are being hooded. This not only blocks the view of other guests, but is a fire hazard. There will be an opportunity for photos following the ceremony and during the reception.

Q: Where is the reception and who may attend?

A: There will be a reception in the lobby area outside the Recital Hall following the ceremony. All students, guests and faculty are invited. Light refreshments and breakfast bread will be served.