



Commencement 2025 *INSTRUCTIONS* for *GRADUATES*

There is no rehearsal for commencement.

Please read these instructions to prepare for the activities of the ceremony.

Saturday, May 17

8 AM – Graduate Check-in and Line-up

Please arrive by **8 AM** on the west side of the Rodeo Arena, **dressed in your cap and gown**.

- Visit the **student check-in table** to confirm your attendance and pick up your name card.
- Your **tassel should be worn on the right side** of your cap at this time.
- Find the table marked with your **degree and major**—this is where you'll line up and remain until the ceremony begins.
- Marshals (ushers) will be available to help guide you.
- A **photographer** will be stationed near the check-in area for **complimentary portraits** (courtesy of the NMT Alumni Affairs Office).

10 AM – Commencement Processional

Graduates will process into the ceremony along with faculty and the platform party. Undergraduates will walk in first followed by Master's Students, PhD Candidates, then the Platform Party. Marshals will direct you.

- Once you reach your seat, **remain standing** until all graduates are in place.
- The **President**, Dr. Amouzegar, will signal when it's time to be seated.

Walking Across the Stage

Graduates will be called by degree level: Associate, Dual Degree's & Double majors, Bachelor's, Master's, and Ph.D.

- Dual Degree and Double-majors students will sit together.
- When your group is called, your Marshal will lead your line to the **right side of the stage**.
- When it is your turn, hand your name card to the name caller.
- Walk up the steps when your name is announced.
- Receive your **diploma cover** from **Dr. Amouzegar** and smile for the photographer.
- The **Board of Regents** will be on stage to congratulate you.
- **Doctoral candidates** will be hooded by their advisor after receiving their diploma cover.
- Exit the stage on the **left side**.
- A photographer will be stationed there to take another photo.
- Stop at the Alumni Affairs area to get your alumni pin.
- Follow the marshall back to your seat.
- Once seated, enjoy the rest of the ceremony!

Recessional

At the conclusion of the ceremony, **Dr. Amouzegar** will invite everyone to stand. The Platform Party will exit first, followed by faculty, then graduates.

- Follow the Marshals' directions.
 - You'll pass through a **receiving line** where your professors will congratulate you.
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Post-Ceremony Celebration

There will be **live music, food trucks, and NMT Gear booths** set up **behind the grandstands**.

- You will receive **\$20 from Student Affairs** to use at the food trucks.
 - A **photo booth** will be available so you can take pictures with your guests. (Provided by Alumni Affairs)
 - Your **cap and gown are yours to keep!**
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Diplomas & Diploma Covers

- **Summer and Fall graduates:** Your diploma has already been mailed to the address you provided. You may keep the diploma cover as a gift from NMT.
 - **May graduates:** Your diploma will be mailed in July. Please keep your cover for when your diploma arrives.
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Important Guest Information

- If a guest needs **ADA accommodations**, please note that on the guest registration form or email **commencement@nmt.edu** with any questions.
- Graduates must pre-register their guests using this form: <https://form.jotform.com/250997391920164?bbeml=tp-N6Brq-II4ECDESAqpl7RbQ.j0kmgjeR3xU-Zk7QOIAScHg.rt1EQiE0HwUq6wPloTQcUEw.IVmOt2H7zpk-yeqVbEc83Dg>
 - *The guest registration link can also be found on the NMT Commencement website near the bottom of the page under the tab "Graduate and Guest Seating during Commencement".*
- To ensure a fair and enjoyable experience for everyone, we kindly ask that all seats be taken on a **first-come, first-served basis**. Saving seats for others **will not be permitted**. This approach helps us maintain an organized and respectful environment for all attendees.
- For the comfort and enjoyment of all attendees, please ask your guests to **remain seated** during the event and **avoid standing or moving in ways that might obstruct the view of others**.
- Only **graduates and faculty** are permitted on the arena floor.
- **Please make sure your guests understand and follow these guidelines.**

We're excited to celebrate your achievements with you—**congratulations, graduates!**

Any questions concerning commencement should be directed to the Commencement Committee..
You can contact us at **575-835-5618** or by e-mail at **commencement@nmt.edu**.