



THE UNIVERSITY *of* NORTH CAROLINA  
**GREENSBORO**

The Graduate School

September 2017

TO: August Doctoral Graduates and December Doctoral Degree Candidates

FROM: The Graduate School

We are proud to invite our 2017 December degree candidates, and those who completed graduate degrees during the 2017 Summer Session, to participate in the University's Doctoral Hooding Ceremony on Thursday, December 7 at 3:00 pm in the UNCG Auditorium.

It is imperative that this office know if you plan to complete degree requirements and attend the hooding ceremony. Even if you indicated an RSVP during the application for graduation process, please go to the following website and submit your electronic RSVP by **Friday, November 3, 2017**:

<https://grs.uncg.edu/current/hooding-rsvp/>

Beginning September 19, The Graduate School will send a series of 10 weekly emails to your UNCG student email account which detail important ceremony announcements and information. Be sure to check your account frequently.

The following page has information about final deadlines, ceremony options, diplomas, and obtaining academic regalia,

## **DEADLINE DATES FOR STUDENTS COMPLETING DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**

Friday, October 20	Deadline for the oral defense of the doctoral dissertation (doctoral candidates).
Friday, November 11	Deadline for doctoral candidates to upload a copy of the dissertation and file the <i>signed</i> title and approval pages with The Graduate School for approval.
Thursday, November 30	Final date for complete clearance of December candidates for degrees, including online submission of approved dissertation with The Graduate School ( <b>by 5:00 p.m.</b> ) and payment of fees owed the University.

## **ACADEMIC REGALIA AND MORE**

The UNCG Bookstore will host a two-day event, Graduation Celebration, October 2 & 3 from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Staff will be available to take orders and pre-fit students for appropriate regalia sizes. Graduation announcements and diploma frames may also be ordered at this time. A representative from Balfour will be present to take orders for rings and personalized announcements from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Doctoral candidates may place their **regalia** order before the Graduation Celebration, but ***must* order by Friday, October 20**. UNCG's doctoral regalia is custom regalia that can only be rented/purchased at the UNCG Bookstore. Doctoral students who are unable to attend Graduation Celebration or visit the store should contact Alejandra Granados, UNCG Bookstore, at [336-334-3176](tel:336-334-3176).

## **TIME AND PLACE OF CEREMONIES**

Doctoral candidates may attend one or both of the following ceremonies. Please note that individual recognition and hooding will occur only at the Doctoral Hooding Ceremony on December 7. Candidates who attend the University Commencement Ceremony on December 8 will walk and sit with University Faculty.

- ❖ The Doctoral Hooding Ceremony will be held in the UNCG Auditorium on Thursday, December 7, at 3:00 p.m. Students planning to participate in the ceremony should arrive by 2:00 p.m. for instructions and line up.
- ❖ The UNCG Commencement Ceremony will be held in the Greensboro Coliseum on Friday morning, December 8, beginning at 10 a.m. The doctoral graduates and university faculty will assemble in the Terrace beginning at 9:45 a.m. Please be robed, in line, and ready to march at 10:00 a.m.

## **COMMENCEMENT GUESTS**

- ❖ The number of guests each doctoral candidate may invite for the Doctoral Hooding Ceremony on Thursday, December 7 will be included in the weekly email correspondence.
- ❖ You may invite as many guests as you desire to the UNCG Commencement Ceremony on Friday, December 8, however, seats are not reserved. Please urge your guests to arrive at the Coliseum no later than 9:45 a.m.

## **RECEIPT OF DIPLOMAS**

Diplomas will be mailed in February to the permanent address provided on the Application for Graduation. Please contact The Graduate School at [grsenrol@uncg.edu](mailto:grsenrol@uncg.edu) regarding diploma address changes by December 31, 2017; these changes cannot be made in UNCGenie.

**Final instructions will be emailed in November to all students who RSVP that they plan to attend the Doctoral Hooding ceremony. We hope to see you on DECEMBER 7, 2017!**