**Graduation Ceremonies**

In addition to the official UW Commencement ceremony held in Husky Stadium, the History Department holds its own Convocation ceremony. Students are encouraged to attend one or both of these ceremonies. Students generally find that the History Department's ceremony is more personal than the official ceremony; your name will be read at our ceremony, and History department faculty will be in attendance.

The History Department Convocation Ceremony is usually held on the Friday before UW Commencement. Students eligible to participate in the Convocation ceremony will receive an invitation and further information in early May.

**Please note:** Participation in the History Department Convocation is by invitation only and requires that you RSVP to us directly. Even if you have already visited the UW’s Commencement website, you must still RSVP to our event as directed on the invitation.

**Guest Tickets**

Tickets are not required for guests attending the History Department Convocation. When you RSVP you will be asked to indicate the number of guests attending the event. Contact the History Advising Office with questions.

**Attire**

Graduates should wear “business casual” attire. Caps and gowns are not worn at this ceremony.

**Registration & Late Seating**

All registration details and times will be announced in early spring.

**Parking**

If you or your guests wish to park on the UW campus during Convocation, you need to purchase a parking permit in advance through the Commencement web site when it comes on-line in May.

**6 Things You Need to Know about Commencement and Convocation:**

- The University-wide Commencement ceremony is held in Husky Stadium on the Saturday following Spring quarter finals week. Formal academic regalia (cap and gown) is worn at this event.
- The History Department Convocation ceremony is held on the Friday preceding Commencement, the last day of Spring quarter finals week. Business casual attire is worn at this event.
- You may participate in one or both ceremonies. Participation is not required for graduation. Conversely, participation in either of these ceremonies does not guarantee graduation.
- Students who complete their degrees in December, March, June, or who have a Summer Quarter dissertation defense officially
scheduled with the Graduate School before the 1st of June may participate in the History Department Convocation ceremony.

- The University and the Graduate School have their own deadlines for students to participate in Commencement and/or have their names listed in the Commencement program.
- Your diploma will be mailed to your permanent address (as it is listed in MyUW) approximately four months after you graduate.
- You will receive additional and more detailed information and an invitation to the Department Convocation in the middle of Spring quarter.

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