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Commencement 2018

Saturday, October 20, 2018 | 2:00 pm

Temple Hoyne Buell Theatre at the Denver Center for the Performing Arts
(also known as Denver Performing Arts Complex)

1400 Curtis Street | Denver, CO 80202

Reception to follow



COMMENCEMENT WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Friday, October 19

3:30 pm

Professional Development Workshop

University of the Rockies

1201 16th St. Suite 200, Denver, CO 80202

Sasha Knox, Career Services Representative, will present an informative workshop for all graduates. Also, take advantage of a chance for complimentary, professional headshots by [Elite Photography](#).

5:30 pm

Welcome Reception

University of the Rockies

1201 16th St. Suite 200, Denver, CO 80202

Take this time to connect informally with other soon-to-be alumni as well alumni from years past. Light appetizers, wine, and beer will be served.

Graduates who have confirmed their attendance for the commencement ceremony will receive an invitation.

Saturday, October 20

10:30 am

2018 Honour Societies Induction & Awards Ceremony

Temple Hoyne Buell Theatre

at the Denver Performing Arts Complex

1400 Curtis Street, Denver, CO 80202

Each inductee and award winner may bring up to two guests. [Watch this ceremony through live stream.](#)

2:00 pm

Commencement Ceremony

Temple Hoyne Buell Theatre

at the Denver Performing Arts Complex

1400 Curtis Street, Denver, CO 80202

Arrive at least 30 minutes early to take photographs and to line up for the ceremony. The day's timeline and instructions will be provided to attending students before the ceremony.

If you or your family are not able to attend the commencement ceremony, you can still enjoy the events.

[Watch the live stream of the ceremony.](#)

Reception immediately following Commencement Ceremony

University of the Rockies hosts a reception for all graduates and their guests at the Denver Performing Arts Complex.

GETTING THERE



Flights

Denver International Airport (DEN)

Located about 30 miles from the commencement location.

Hotels

Visit this link for special hotel rates for commencement weekend:
<https://book.passkey.com/e/49711462>

Rental Cars

Denver International Airport has 12 on-site rental car agencies. Check-in counters are in the baggage claim area.

Advantage 800.777.5500

Alamo 877.222.9075

Avis 800.230.4898

Budget 800.527.0700

Enterprise Rent A Car 800.736.8222

Hertz 800.654.3131

Dollar Rent A Car 800.800.3665

E-Z Rent 800.527.0700

Fox Rent A Car 800.225.4369

National Rent A Car 800.222.9058

Payless Rent A Car 800.Pay.Less

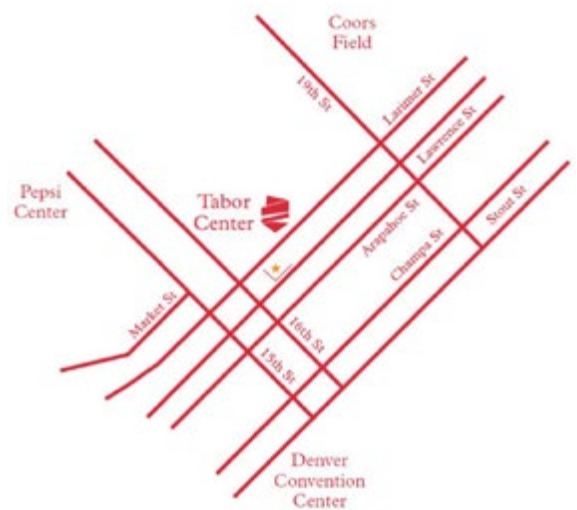
Thrifty 800.367.2277

Public Transportation

Free 16th Street Mall Ride

A-Train to Denver International Airport (DEN)

Review the RTD public transportation website:
<http://www.rtd-denver.com/>



Things to Do in Denver and Surrounding Area

Garden of the Gods

Elitch Gardens

United States Mint

Denver Museum of Nature & Science

Red Rocks Park & Amphitheatre

Explore additional maps, suggestions, and coupons in the Official Visitors Guide for Denver.



COMMENCEMENT DAY

Arrival

Please advise your guests to arrive at the Denver Performing Arts Complex at least 30 minutes in advance of the event to allow time to park and find a seat. All seating is first come, first served. Graduate candidates not participating in the 2018 Honour Societies Induction & Awards Ceremony at 10:30 am are advised to arrive no later than 1:15 pm.

Photography

Photography is allowed. Elite Photography will take pictures of graduates as they shake hands with the President of the University. A photographer will also be available after the ceremony for family and group shots. Graduates will receive information after the ceremony on how to view and order their photos.

Video

If you or your family are not able to attend the commencement ceremony, you can still enjoy the events. Watch the live stream of the ceremony.

Rockies Gear

Rockies gear and memorabilia will be available for purchase in the lobby of the Temple Hoyne Buell Theatre.

HELPFUL FORMS

[Graduation Checklist for Doctoral Students](#)

[Graduation Checklist for Master's Students](#)

[Transcript Request](#)

[Request for Recommendation](#)

[Request for Replacement/Duplicate Diploma](#)



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

About Commencement and Finishing Your Degree

When and where is the ceremony?

The commencement ceremony will be held in the Temple Hoyne Buell Theatre at the Denver Center for the Performing Arts, also known as the Denver Performing Arts Complex, located at 1400 Curtis St., Denver, CO 80202.

The ceremony will begin at:

2:00 pm on Saturday, October 20, 2018.

If I am not attending a graduation ceremony, do I have to pay the graduation fee?

Yes, all students must submit a Petition to Graduate form and applicable fees in order to graduate, even if you choose not to participate in the Commencement ceremony.

I have a question about completing degree requirements, whom should I contact?

Your Academic Advisor will be happy to assist you.

How do I order my cap and gown?

Students must have completed a Petition to Graduate form, be eligible to attend, and have indicated that they will participate in the ceremony to have a cap and gown ordered. Your regalia will be ordered for you based on the measurements you provide on your Petition to Graduate form, which also confirms that you are attending commencement. You can expect to receive your regalia by mail a few weeks before the ceremony.

Can I buy different regalia?

No, only regalia approved by the University is allowed to be worn at commencement.

Will University of the Rockies hold a rehearsal for the commencement ceremony?

No. Due to the fact that students will be traveling from all over the country for the event, it is not possible to schedule a rehearsal. There will be commencement day instructions for graduates provided on the website and/or via email a few weeks prior to the ceremony.

FAQ CONTINUED

How many guests can I bring?

University of the Rockies does not limit the number of guests that graduates may bring to the commencement ceremony. Please keep in mind that seating is first come, first served.

Do my guests need tickets to attend?

No, tickets are not needed to attend the ceremony.

Where can my guests and I park?

The Denver Performing Arts Complex has a parking garage attached to the building with paid parking. There are also several parking lots located around the venue. Please review the Denver Performing Arts Complex [Parking Map](#) for detailed information.

When should my guests and I arrive for the ceremony?

Graduates will be given additional information about the timeline closer to the ceremony date but should plan to arrive early. Guests should plan to be seated before the ceremony begins. Please allow time to park and get seated.

How long is the ceremony?

While there is not a firm rule, the ceremony runs approximately 1.5 – 2 hours long.

What accommodations are available for guests with disabilities?

Graduates requiring accommodation for a disability should contact the Office of Student Access & Wellness at access@rockies.edu a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the ceremony in order to ensure all requests may be met. Special seating areas will be designated for guests who are pregnant, elderly, or who have disabilities. Please have guests arrive early to ensure they are able to access the designated seating area and have them notify event staff that they are a guest needing special seating when entering the event.

American Sign Language interpreters are provided for this event. Large print or Braille programs will be available on a first come, first served basis, unless requested in advance. Assistive listening devices will also be available upon request. Please contact access@rockies.edu regarding your needs.

Disabled parking is available at each level in the parking structure.

Is there a reception after commencement?

Yes, there is a reception for graduates and their guests immediately following commencement.

Will I get my diploma at the ceremony?

Diplomas are typically ordered within 30 days of successful completion of all program requirements being recorded and payment of all related tuition and fees. They are mailed directly to graduates. You will receive a diploma cover with a congratulatory message inside when you walk across the stage.

FAQ CONTINUED

When will I receive my diploma, and what will be printed on it?

Your degree will be conferred and your diploma and transcripts will be released once you have met all degree requirements including, but not limited to, credits earned, GPA, examinations, internships, dissertations and balances paid in full. Diplomas are generally ordered within 30 days of completion of all program requirements and payment of all related tuition and fees. Once the diploma is ordered, it will take six (6) to eight (8) weeks to arrive. Diplomas, certificates, and transcripts will be withheld until all accounts at the University are paid in full. Once orders are placed, mailing addresses cannot be changed. Please make sure your address is up to date and accurate before finishing your last course. Your diploma will state your name as indicated on your Petition to Graduate, your degree, and your graduation date. The date of degree conferral recorded on your diploma will reflect the end of the term in which you completed all degree requirements. Please note that the date of the merger with Ashford University is not known at this time and degrees will be granted by University of the Rockies as long as the accreditation agencies allow. After this time, diplomas will be issued by Ashford University.

What size is the diploma?

University of the Rockies diplomas are 8½ inches by 11 inches

When will my official transcript reflect my degree awarded?

Degree completion is recorded on your official transcript within 30 days after completion of all program requirements. Transcripts will not be released until your account balance is paid in full, including the graduation fee. Please note that after the merger of Ashford University and University of the Rockies, transcripts will be issued by Ashford University.

How do I request my official transcripts?

Once your degree is awarded, one official transcript will be mailed to your current address. You can order additional official University of the Rockies transcripts at \$6 per electronic copy and \$8 per paper copy. Please note that costs may change after the merger with Ashford University. Please complete a Transcript Request form.

[Official Transcript Request](#)

How do I prove I have earned my degree?

If you need to prove that you have earned your degree for an employer or other third party, you can either provide them with a copy of your official transcripts, order an official transcript and have it sent to a third party, or you can fill out an Enrollment Verification request form.

[Official Transcript Request](#) | [Enrollment Verification Request](#)

How do I request faculty to provide a recommendation for me?

Complete a Student Request for Recommendation form and send it directly to the University of the Rockies individual from whom you are requesting a recommendation. Please be sure to explain exactly what you need in your request, in addition to sending the form. Please also be aware that requests for recommendations are fulfilled at the professor's or staff member's discretion. Professors may choose to fulfill a request right away, may require a longer timeline to write letters, or may decline to fulfill requests. You may direct questions concerning this process to the Office of the Registrar.

[Request for Recommendation](#)