



Know before you go

Graduate Commencement is Seattle Pacific University's culminating ceremony honoring master's and doctoral graduates. Held outdoors in Tiffany Loop, the ceremony celebrates the academic achievement, dedication, and new beginnings of SPU's graduate students in the presence of family, friends, faculty, and staff.

Date: Friday, June 5, 2026

Time: 2–3:30 p.m.

Location: Tiffany Loop, Seattle Pacific University

Tickets: No tickets are required for this event.

Graduate Arrival & Lineup

Graduates should arrive no later than 1:30 p.m. and check in on the Fifth Avenue Streetscape between Marston and Weter halls.

Graduates will line up by program, with staff available to provide direction.

Doctoral candidates should bring their hoods and line up at the front of the processional, organized by program.

The processional will begin moving toward Tiffany Loop at 1:55 p.m.

Graduates should remain in their assigned line and be attentive to staff guidance throughout the processional and seating.

Processional & Seating

The ceremony will begin with a formal processional into Tiffany Loop. Graduates will be seated by program and degree level. Students will not recess at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Following the platform party and faculty recessional, graduates are welcome to remain in Tiffany Loop to meet guests and take photographs near the platform.

Parking at Seattle Pacific University

[See Seattle Pacific University Parking Lot Map \(PDF\)](#)

Ross Lot: Between W. Bertona Street and W. Cremona Street on Third Avenue West

Dravus Lot: W. Dravus Street and Fourth Avenue West

McKenna Lot: Between Third Avenue West and Sixth Avenue West on W. Nickerson Street

Otto Miller South Lot: W. Nickerson Street and Third Avenue West

Guest Arrival & Viewing

Guests are encouraged to arrive early and follow campus signage and staff direction. Viewing areas will be located around Tiffany Loop and are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Because the ceremony is held outdoors, guests should plan accordingly and remain within designated areas during the program.

Accessibility & Accommodations

Accessible pathways and seating are available for guests using wheelchairs, walkers, or who need seating close to sidewalks.

Accessible drop-off is recommended in the Ross Parking Lot, across Third Avenue West from Tiffany Loop.

Sign language interpretation will be provided.

Guests or graduates requiring accommodations are encouraged to contact graduationinfo@spu.edu in advance.

Weather Considerations

Graduate Commencement is held outdoors. Graduates and guests should dress for the weather.

If severe weather is forecast, including heavy rain, thunder, or lightning, SPU's rain plan will be activated and communicated via email to graduating students, faculty, and staff.

If no notice is sent, the ceremony will proceed outdoors as scheduled. Light or moderate rain will not trigger the rain plan.

Photography & Personal Items

Graduates and guests are welcome to take photographs and video during the ceremony. Guests are asked to remain out of aisles and pathways and respect staff guidance.

There is no secure storage for personal items; graduates should plan to carry belongings or leave them with guests. **Note:** This event will not be livestreamed.

Campus Amenities

Select campus dining options will be open on Friday, June 5.

Gwinn Commons

Friday, June 5: 9–11 a.m. for brunch

Academic Perks (Student Union Building)

Friday, June 5: 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

Einstein Bros. Bagels

Friday, June 5: 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Falcon Express Market (Weter Hall)

Friday, June 5: 7 a.m.–8 p.m.

The SPU Store will be open from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. for regalia and commemorative items.

Questions or Additional Information

For questions about Graduate Commencement or accommodation requests, please contact graduationinfo@spu.edu.

spu.edu/commencement