INDOOR CEREMONY
Hendrix Wellness and Athletics Center
May 15, 2021
9:00 A.M., MA in Accounting, Humanities, Interdisciplinary
1:00 P.M., Natural Sciences
5:00 P.M., Social Sciences

1. On the day of the event, arrive **45 minutes before YOUR scheduled ceremony**. We will line up inside the WAC on the suspended indoor track. To get there, enter the WAC through the Colonnade by the Natatorium, go upstairs, then follow signs and guides to the suspended indoor track. Line up in the OUTER track lane, walk on the inner track lane, and move only in the counterclockwise direction.

2. At the time of assembly, address questions to the Marshals. The Student Marshals are Avery Colclaser, Phineas Chapman, Ty Forrest, Victoria Malak, Rachel McGhee, Caroline Tackett, Alek Taylor, and Quentin Tolbert.

3. The procession will move in single file down the stairs, through the Recreational Gym, into the Lobby of the WAC, pass through a gauntlet formed by the faculty, into the Event Gym. A Marshal will conduct you to the seating section reserved for you and will usher you into the appropriate rows of this section. Be sure that you are at your assigned seat and in the proper row. If persons are absent, leave their spaces vacant. After you have been escorted to your place, **remain standing** for the invocation.

4. After the Commencement address, the Provost of the College will say: "Let us proceed with the conferring of degrees."

   **At the 9:00 AM Ceremony ONLY:** The Provost of the College will present the Masters candidates to the President, who will then speak the words of conferral. Dr. Peszka will conduct the Masters candidates to the stage. Masters candidates: the Provost will call your name, after she calls your name, climb the stairs, when you have reached the top of the stairs onto the stage, you can remove your mask if you choose. **After you receive your diploma,** move to the EAST end of the stage (stage left, house right) where you will be guided into the east hallway, have your photo taken, and then guided down the hall, back into the Event gym. Return to your assigned seat and be seated. Replace your mask after your professional photograph has been taken.

5. The Provost of the College will then present the senior class to the President. After the President has spoken the words of conferral, all seniors except those in the first row of seniors will **sit down**.

6. Dr. Peszka will conduct this row to the stage. Seniors: the Provost will call your name, after she calls your name climb the stairs, when you have reached the top of the stairs onto the stage, you can remove your mask if you choose. **After you receive your diploma,** move to the EAST end of the stage (stage left, house right) where you will be guided into the east hallway, have your photo taken, and then guided down the hall, back into the Event gym. Return to your assigned seat and **be seated**. Replace your mask after your professional photograph has been taken.

7. When four seniors remain at the stage, the next row of seniors will rise and move down the aisle to the stage.

8. After the Benediction and the Provost’s instructions for the recessional, the platform party will leave first. The graduates on the front row will follow their Marshal (Dr. Peszka) out the west aisle (the opposite side from our entrance); the other rows will follow in order, until all have recessed. Order and dignity should be maintained until the last graduate has left the place of assembly.

9. It is imperative that the platform party, faculty, and graduates keep moving until completely out of the Event Gym, Rec Gym, WAC lobby, etc. to make room for your guests to exit the venue. **Please follow the instructions of the Marshals and keep walking in line until told otherwise,** then proceed to pre-planned location to meet your guests.

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**9:00 AM Ceremony:** MA Accounting, Art, English, Languages, Music, Philosophy, Religious Studies, Theater & Dance, Interdisciplinary Majors (independent majors), Study of the Mind/Neuroscience, and Environmental Studies.

**1:00 PM Ceremony:** Natural Science, BCMB, Biology, Health Sciences, Chemistry, Math & CSCI, Computer Science, and Physics

**5:00 PM Ceremony:** Social Sciences, Economics & Business, History, Politics, Psychology, Sociology & Anthropology, and Accounting

**NOTE:** Students with double majors will walk in the ceremony of their "first" major.