



COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION – DECEMBER 2025

Congratulations! The end is in sight. Please read the following information concerning the December graduation ceremony. If you have questions, please contact Stacy Dahlman, Associate Dean for Academic Administration and Registrar, at srdahlman@milligan.edu or 423.461.8681.

Rehearsal and Commencement

Friday, December 12, Seeger Memorial Chapel (Mary B. Martin Auditorium)

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| Commencement rehearsal (everyday attire) | 3:00 p.m. (will end by 4:30 p.m.) |
| Commencement (graduation regalia) | 7:00 p.m. (line up at 6:30 p.m.) |

Tickets are not required for December commencement. Seeger Memorial Chapel (Mary B. Martin Auditorium) is the location for rehearsal and commencement. Rehearsal begins in Walker Auditorium on the lower level of the building.

Graduation Regalia and Announcements

Graduation regalia (cap, gown, and tassel) will be available in the bookstore beginning November 3. The prices for regalia (plus tax) are as follows: Undergraduate: \$58.95; Graduate \$108.95; Doctoral \$132.95. Undergraduate regalia sets include a graduation robe with the Milligan logo on the front, a mortar board cap, and a tassel. Graduate regalia sets include a master's or doctoral graduation robe with the Milligan logo on the front, a master's or doctoral hood, a mortar board cap, and a tassel.

Graduation announcements and time/place cards are available in the bookstore for \$9.99 plus tax (package of five).

All graduates should wear their caps, gowns, and tassels to the ceremony. Graduate students should bring their hoods to the ceremony and carry them in the graduation line. Graduate program directors will hood the students as they cross the stage.

Honors (Undergraduate students only)

Honors for undergraduate students are calculated based on the anticipated cumulative grade point average at the end of the Fall 2025 semester (***Summa Cum Laude: 3.95 – 4.0, Magna Cum Laude: 3.75 – 3.94, Cum Laude: 3.5 – 3.74***). Honors calculations are based on the cumulative GPA from the official transcript, which is truncated at the thousandths place. The GPA on the student transcript in Self-Service is truncated at the hundredths place. (Example: A GPA that appears as 3.75 in Self-Service might be a 3.749 on the official transcript.)

Honor cords will be distributed at commencement rehearsal.

Release of Diplomas and SFP

Only students who have met all obligations (parking tickets, financial, academic, testing, library, etc.) receive diplomas. Students enrolled in traditional undergraduate programs who have not completed all required SFP (Spiritual Formation Program) requirements may participate in the commencement ceremony but will not receive a diploma or a degree until all requirements are completed.

Federal Loan Counseling Information

Students who borrowed federal loans are required to complete student loan counseling. A Student Financial Services representative will contact students with more information. Students with questions may contact Stephanie Justice (SMJustice@milligan.edu or 423.975.8050) or Elizabeth Williams (LEWilliams@milligan.edu or 423.461.8967).

Childcare

Childcare will be provided free of charge in the Runner classroom (downstairs on the mid-level) during the commencement ceremony. Parents of young children are encouraged to take advantage of this service.

Accessible Seating

To make arrangements for guests with special seating needs, contact Stacy Dahlman at the email address or phone number above.

Online Streaming

The ceremony will be broadcast online at www.milligan.edu/streaming for friends and family members who are unable to attend.

Location and More

For information about visiting campus, hotel accommodations or to view a campus map, see <https://www.milligan.edu/about/location/>.