

COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION FOR FALL 2025 GRADUATES

COMMENCEMENT: Sunday, December 14, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. at the Dothan Civic Center.

PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT:

CAP AND GOWN ORDERING: Please order at the following link: [Troy University – Oak Hall Cap & Gown](#). Order as soon as possible to factor in shipping to your home. **Last day to order is November 11, 2025.** There will be no extra caps, gowns or hoods available at the ceremony, so please make sure you have everything you need and it fits.

Cost of cap and gown for Associates/Bachelors – approximately \$76.00 + S&H + taxes

Cost of cap and gown for Master's – approximately \$133.00 + S&H + taxes

HONORS AND HONOR CORDS: Only authorized honor society cords, sashes and/or medallions may be worn with the cap and gown at commencement. These are ordered through the honor society.

No Social Sorority or Fraternity sashes will be permitted. If ordered, you may take pictures with them; however, you will be asked to remove them during line-up.

NO decorating of the mortar board (cap) is allowed.

DRESS: Men should wear dark dress slacks and dark dress shoes. Women should wear dark dress shoes. Please do not bring purses or handbags as there will be nowhere to place them during the ceremony. Please remember to silence cell phones.

TICKETS: There are NO tickets required for the Dothan commencement ceremony.

DAY OF COMMENCEMENT:

Only students who have met all degree requirements will be allowed to participate in the commencement ceremony.

REPORTING TIME: All candidates for graduation must report to the Dothan Civic Center between 1:15 and 2:00 p.m. Signs will direct graduates to the check-in area where each graduate will receive a card for use in the ceremony. **Do not lose this card.**

PHOTOGRAPHY: Optional pictures will be taken before the ceremony by Alishia Potter from The Potter's Hand Photography -931-401-2488. Her website can be found at <https://www.thepottershandphotography.com>.

ATTIRE: Students receiving graduate degrees should not arrive wearing regalia hoods. They will carry hoods and will be hooded on stage during the ceremony.

PROCEDURES: Line-up is for graduating students only. No children, spouses, etc. allowed. There will be a short meeting after graduates have lined up around 2:30pm to explain the processional, conferring of degrees and walk across stage. **YOU NEED YOUR CARD FOR THIS!** Here is a brief overview.

PROCESSIONAL ORDER: Marshals lead students into the arena. Graduate students are followed by undergraduate students. Marshal 1 leads graduate students in order of colleges. Marshal 2 leads BS + AS in order of colleges. All remain standing for National Anthem and Invocation.

CONFERRING THE DEGREES: After the commencement address, all degree candidates will be asked to stand. The SVC will affirm to the Chancellor that all degree requirements have been met and recommend the conferring of the degrees. The Chancellor will then confer each degree. At this point, en masse, each graduate will move his/her tassel from the right side of the mortarboard to the left. After each degree is conferred, the SVC will ask the graduates to be seated.

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMA COVERS: After all degrees have been conferred en masse, graduates follow the Marshal's instructions. The Marshals will start with the back row. They will signal for Associate degree graduates to stand and walk to the stairs in front of the stage. Marshals will signal each row when to stand and when to walk towards the stairs at the stage. ASGE degree will be followed by BS degree, then MS degree, and then EdS degree. **All be sure you have your card in your hand.**

Undergraduates: When signaled to go up stairs to stage, first hand your card to the Dean at the podium, they will announce your name as you walk across the stage to shake Dr. Hawkins hand. Extend your right hand to shake and left hand on top to receive the diploma cover. Pause for photo and then continue off while shaking hands with any dignitaries next to Dr. Hawkins. Exit down steps stage left and return to your seat. DO NOT SIT UNTIL THE ENTIRE ROW HAS RETURNED.

Graduates with Master's or EdS: After presenting your name card to the Dean at the podium, walk to center of the stage for hooding, then proceed to Dr. Hawkins and extend right hand to shake, left hand on top to receive the diploma cover. Pause for photo and then continue off while shaking hands with any dignitaries next to Dr. Hawkins. Exit down steps stage left and return to your seat. DO NOT SIT UNTIL THE ENTIRE ROW HAS RETURNED

RECESSIONAL ORDER: Follow instructions of the Marshals. Take your diploma covers with you. Diplomas will be mailed out in 10-12 weeks

LIVE STREAMING: There will be a live stream of commencement on the Troy University Facebook page as well as [TROY Live Broadcast](#).

TASSELS/HOOD COLORS BY COLLEGE:

Arts & Humanities— Scarlet

Sorrell College of Business — Tan

Education & Behavioral Sciences— Blue; MPA - Turquoise

Health Sciences — Apricot; Social Work - Citron

Science - Bright Gold

Engineering - Orange

Interdisciplinary Studies - Silver