



# **COMMENCEMENT HANDBOOK**

**2025**

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Dear Graduates,

On behalf of the Touro University Worldwide faculty, staff and administration, I want to extend my congratulations to you upon the achievement of your degree. The 14th Annual Touro University Worldwide Commencement Ceremony is on Sunday, July 20, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. in the Terrace Theater of the Long Beach Convention Center. Students earning a degree between Summer II 2024 – Summer I 2025 (August 18, 2024 – June 29, 2025) are eligible to participate the in-person Touro University Worldwide Commencement Ceremony. This includes Doctoral Candidates who have successfully defended their completed dissertation or final research project along with approval by the Provost no later than Spring I, 2025.

The Commencement Handbook will provide you and your guests with all the necessary information required to plan for this auspicious occasion. Directions to the ceremony are on page 10. We sincerely thank you for attending Touro University Worldwide and celebrate your accomplishment. We encourage you to remain involved with TUW through the Alumni Association and University LinkedIn page. I look forward to seeing you at Commencement!

Sincerely,

Dr. Roy Finaly  
Interim Chief Executive Officer

## General Information

### COMMENCEMENT SCHEDULE

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**Sunday – July 20, 2024**

**2:00 p.m. PST**

Terrace Theater  
Long Beach Convention Center  
300 East Ocean Blvd.  
Long Beach, CA 90802

Graduate Arrival	12:30 p.m.
Graduate Lineup	1:30 p.m.
Ceremony Begins	2:00 p.m.

### THE ACADEMIC DRESS

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*Adapted from the American Council on Education  
Historical Overview of the Academic Costume Code and  
Academic Costume Code*

#### History

The origins of academic dress date back to the 12th and 13th centuries, when universities were taking form. The ordinary dress of the scholar whether student or teacher, was the dress of a cleric. With few exceptions, the medieval scholar had taken at least minor orders, made certain vows, and perhaps been tonsured. Long gowns were worn and may have been necessary for warmth in unheated buildings. Hoods seem to have served to cover the tonsured head until superseded for that purpose by the skull cap.

A statute of the University of Coimbra in 1321 required that all "Doctors, Licentiates, and Bachelors" wear gowns. In England, in the second half of the 14th century, the statutes of certain colleges forbade "excess in apparel" and prescribed the wearing of a long gown. In the days of Henry VIII of England, Oxford and Cambridge first began prescribing a definite academic dress and made it a matter of university control even to the extent of its minor details.

The assignment of colors to signify certain faculties was to be a much later development, and one which was to be standardized only in the United States in the late 19th century. White taken from the white fur trimming of the Oxford and Cambridge B.A. hoods was assigned to arts and letters. Red, one of the traditional colors of the church, went to theology. Green, the color of medieval herbs, was adopted for medicine, and olive, because it was so close to green, was given to pharmacy. Golden yellow, standing for the wealth which scientific research has produced, was assigned to the sciences.

European institutions have always had great diversity in their specifications of academic dress and this has been a source of confusion. In contrast, American colleges and universities opted for a definite system that all might follow. A significant contribution to the development of this system was made by Gardner Cotrell Leonard of Albany, New York. Mr. Leonard designed

gowns for his class at Williams College in 1887 and had them made by Cotrell and Leonard, a firm established by his family in Albany, New York. He was greatly interested in the subject and following the publication of an article by him on academic dress in 1893, he was invited to work with an Intercollegiate Commission made up of representatives of leading institutions to establish a suitable system of academic apparel.

### TUW Regalia

Touro University Worldwide requires graduates to order their graduation regalia no later than **Wednesday, April 30, 2025** to ensure timely receipt and to prevent additional charges issued by the supplier. All regalia including cap, gown, hood, and honor cords (if applicable) are available through [Jostens](#). Make sure to select **Student 2025** when ordering your regalia (i.e. Graduation Caps & Gowns) from the Jostens website. Please select the actual year of program completion (Student 2025) before proceeding with your purchase to ensure correct year is included on the tassel. It is the sole responsibility of the graduate to obtain appropriate regalia representative of their degree. All graduates are required to wear regalia to participate in the commencement ceremony.

Regalia (cap, gown, tassel, stole, honor cords, etc.) will **NOT** be made available at the commencement ceremony.

### Gowns

Touro University Worldwide gowns are black. The gown for associate and bachelor degrees have pointed sleeves and are designed to be worn closed. The gown for master degrees have an oblong sleeve, opens at the wrist, like the others. The sleeve base hangs down in the traditional manner. The rear part of its oblong shape is square cut, and the front part has an arc cut away. The gown is so designed and supplied with fasteners that it may be worn open or closed. The gown for the doctor's degree has bell-shaped sleeves.

Gowns for the associate, bachelor and master degrees are untrimmed. For the doctor degrees, the gown is faced down the front with black velvet; three bars of velvet are used across the sleeves. These facings and crossbars may be of velvet of the color distinctive of the disciplines to which the degree pertains, thus agreeing in color with the binding or edging of the hood appropriate to the particular doctor's degree in every instance.

For all academic purposes, including trimmings of doctors' gowns and edging of hoods, the colors associated with the different disciplines are as follows:

- Administration: **Peacock**
- Allied Health, Health Care Administration, Health Science: **Sage**
- Behavioral Science, Psychology, Technology: **Gold**
- Business Administration, Business Education, Organizational Management, Finance, Management, Marketing, Project Management: **Drab**
- Child Development, Special Education: **Light Blue**
- Conflict Resolution, General Studies, Human Resources: **White**
- Criminal Justice: **Purple**
- Human Services, Social Behavior, Social Science, Social Work: **Citron**
- Medicine: **Green**
- Mental Health, Public Health: **Salmon**
- Public Administration: **Peacock Blue**
- All Doctoral Degrees: **Royal Blue**

(**Note:** These are not all inclusive of the colors associated with academic disciplines. Please consider the school associated with your academic program of study when selecting colors from [Jostens](#)).

### Hoods

Touro University Worldwide hoods are black. Hoods are worn for master and doctor degrees. Only hoods worn for the doctor degree have panels at the sides.

Hoods are lined with navy blue, a light blue chevron and gold accent. The binding or edging of the hood is to be velvet or velveteen. Width of binding or edging is based on degree and the color should be indicative of the subject to which the degree pertains (see above).

### Caps

Touro University Worldwide caps are black. Caps for associate, bachelor and master degrees are mortarboards. Only doctor's degree caps are velvet. A long tassel is to be fastened to the middle point of the top of the cap only. The tassel should be black for associate, bachelor and master degree. A tassel of gold for the doctor cap.

## HONORS

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### Graduation Honors Recognition

Exceptional scholarships recognized by the following scale at the commencement ceremony, on official transcripts, and diploma:

- Summa Cum Laude: 3.90 – 4.0
- Magna Cum Laude: 3.75 – 3.89
- Cum Laude: 3.60 – 3.74

Graduates within any of the above categories may purchase honor cords at the time of ordering their regalia via [Jostens](#) to wear during the ceremony. Students who have not officially graduated by the end of Spring II, 2025 (April 27) will not see honors recognition in the official commencement program but their record of graduation will be reflected on their diploma. Please note: **The Commencement Program is not an official record of graduation or honors recognition.**

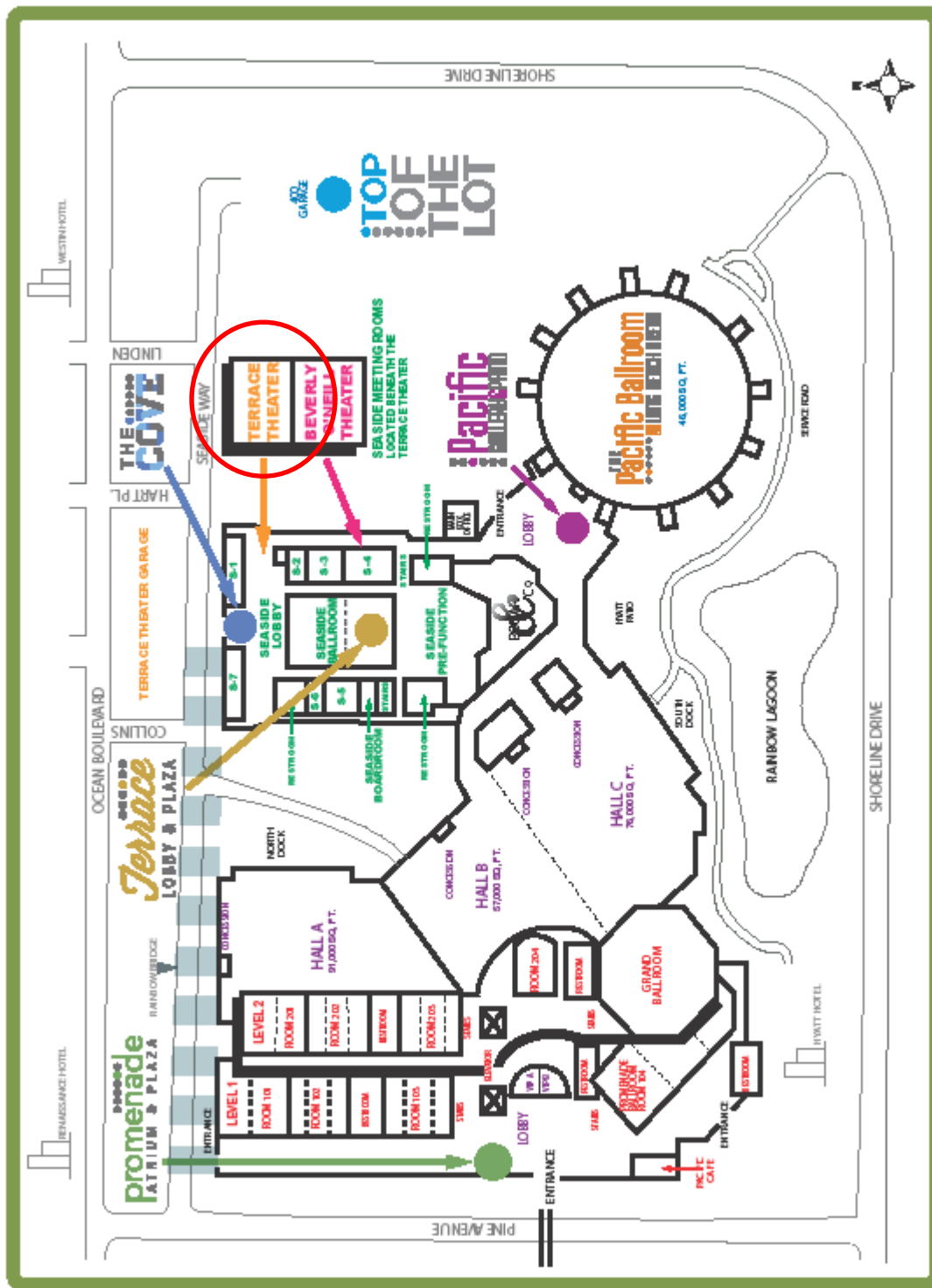
### Valedictorian Selection

Only graduates who complete their program requirements with a 4.0 GPA by the close of Spring II 2025 (April 27, 2025) are eligible to participate in the Valedictorian selection process. All Valedictorian eligible graduates will receive an email from [graduation@tuw.edu](mailto:graduation@tuw.edu) no later than May 9, 2024 with an invitation to participate in the next step of the process, which will include completing a speech with a supportive video (time length of the video and submission deadline will be provided with the invite). Please review the areas below that would result in non-consideration as Valedictorian.

- Missed deadlines--no exceptions
- Less than a 4.0 GPA at the close of Spring II, 2025 session (April 27, 2025)
- All coursework in Spring II, 2025 session **not** completed by the close of that session (April 27, 2025), e.g., Incomplete Grade, LOA, etc.
- **Doctorate graduates only:** Doctoral Candidates who have earned a 4.0, successfully defended their completed dissertation or final research project, along with approval by the Provost between Spring II 2024 - Spring I, 2025 (April 21, 2024 – March 2, 2025) may be considered for valedictorian in the commencement ceremony.

Any Valedictorian who is not considered due to any of areas mentioned above, the runner-up will become the eligible Valedictorian unless s/he is no longer qualified. The Valedictorian will be selected according to their rank score as tabulated by the voting committee during Valedictorian consideration submissions process.

## Commencement Map



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Figure 1: Campus Map | Source: <https://www.longbeachcc.com/campus-map/>



## Information for Graduates

### PARTICIPATION IN THE CEREMONY

Students who have completed the program requirements prior to the 2025 Summer I term need to RSVP for the commencement ceremony. Doctoral Candidates who have successfully defended their completed written dissertation or doctoral research project no later than Spring I 2025 (March 2, 2025), which have been approved by the Provost will be eligible for participation in the commencement ceremony.

In order to participate in Commencement 2025 as a graduating student, you will need to apply for graduation by completing a [Graduation Application](#) through Integrated Campus (IC) and submitting it to the [Office of the Registrar](#) when enrolled in the last course of your program. Submission of a Graduation Application is not a substitution for RSVP of attendance of or participation in the Commencement 2025 activities.

You are required to RSVP for commencement by completing a RSVP form within the Integrated Campus (IC) portal. Final RSVP for Commencement 2025 must be requested no later than **Friday, May 9, 2025**.

Both an application for graduation and RSVP for the ceremony are required in order for you to participate in Commencement 2025 activities. Failure to do either will result in nonparticipation in the ceremony.

There are no fees for participation in the commencement ceremony. However, graduates are required to pay a \$200 graduation fee to cover the administrative cost of a degree audit as part of the Graduation Application.

Graduates' who plan to bring guests can find more information on guest tickets at the [Information for Guests](#) located on page 11 of this handbook.

## GRADUATE LINEUP IN MARSHALLING AREA

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Graduates should arrive no later than 12:30 p.m. PST, **90 minutes** prior to the processional, for check-in and to use the marshalling area to assist each other with regalia (if applicable). TUW faculty, staff and/or Long Beach Convention Center staff provide instructions to graduates on lineup procedures in the marshalling area at 1:30 p.m. PST (**30 minutes** prior to the processional), by program and degree level as follows: Associate, Bachelor, Master, and Doctoral.

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## UNIVERSITY SCHOOLS AND PROGRAMS

### Associate Degree in General Studies

Associate Degree in General Studies: —Accounting Concentration

### School of Business

- **Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Management**
  - Accounting
  - Criminal Justice
  - Entrepreneurship
  - Human Resource Management
  - Marketing
  - Project Management
  - Homeland Security EDM
- **Master of Arts in Dispute Resolution**
- **Master of Science in Human Resource Management**
- **Master of Arts in Industrial and Organizational Psychology**
  - Coaching and Consulting
  - Human Resource Management
  - Occupational Health Psychology
- **Master of Arts in Public Administration**
- **Master of Business Administration**
  - Accounting
  - Artificial Intelligence (AI) Management
  - Cybersecurity Management
  - Finance
  - Global Management
  - Health Administration Management
  - Human Resources Management
  - Marketing
  - Non-Profit Management
  - Physicians and Healthcare Executives
- **Master of Science in Human Resource Management**
- **Master of Science in Business Analytics**
- **Doctor of Management**
  - Organizational Leadership
  - Strategic Innovation and Change
- **Doctorate of Business Administration**

### The Edith Neumann School of Health and Human Services

- **Bachelor of Arts in Social Work**
- **Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences**
  - Health Care Administration
  - Health Education
  - Long-Term Care Administration
- **Master of Science in Human Services**
- **Master of Science in Healthcare Administration**
  - Operations Management
  - Health Informatics
- **Master of Science in Health Sciences**
  - Health Education
  - Public Health

- **Doctor of Health Science**
- **Doctorate of Physician Assistant**
  - *Healthcare Leadership*
  - *Global Health*

### **School of Psychology**

- **Bachelor of Arts in Psychology**
  - *Industrial/Organization Psychology*
  - *Child and Adolescent Psychology*
  - *Elementary Education*
  - *Forensic Psychology*
  - *Secondary Education*
  - *Special Education*
  - *Human Services*
- **Master of Arts in Psychology**
  - *Media Psychology*
  - *Educational Psychology*
  - *Forensic Psychology*
  - *Child and Adolescent development*
  - *Health Psychology*
- **Master of Science in Forensic Psychology**
  - *Sex Offender Issues*
  - *Community Criminal Issues*
- **Doctor of Psychology in Human and Organizational Psychology**
  - *Organizational Leadership*

### **School of Behavioral and Applied Sciences**

- **Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy**
- **Master of Arts in Counseling: Addiction Specialization**
- **Doctorate of Marriage and Family Therapy**

## Information for Guests

### GUEST INFORMATION

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Numbered tickets are required for guests over two (2) years old who are not lap sitting. Distribution of numbered tickets takes place upon graduate check-in at the Long Beach Convention Center. The number of tickets per graduate is limited. We ask that the graduating student include the number of requested tickets up to five (5) per graduate when they RSVP through Integrated Campus (IC). Additional ticket requests accommodated on a first come first serve basis, but not guaranteed.

The commencement ceremony will be held at the Terrace Theater located in the Long Beach Convention Center at 300 East Ocean Blvd, Long Beach, CA 90802 and will take place on Sunday, July 20, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. PST.

Guests must allow enough time to park and arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of the commencement ceremony location within the Long Beach Convention Center indicated with a red circle on Commencement Map on page 6 of this handbook.

#### *Directions*

<https://www.longbeachcc.com/directions-parking/>

#### FROM LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT:

Take the San Diego Freeway (405) south to the Long Beach Freeway (710). Go south on the Long Beach Freeway to the Downtown Exits (710 then becomes Shoreline Drive). Follow Shoreline Drive to Linden Avenue and into the parking lot, or as advised by directional signage.

#### FROM LONG BEACH AIRPORT:

Take Lakewood Boulevard south to the San Diego Freeway (405). Take the San Diego Freeway (405) north to the Long Beach Freeway (710). Go south on the Long Beach Freeway to the Downtown Exits (710 then becomes Shoreline Drive). Follow Shoreline Drive to Linden Avenue and into the parking lot, or as advised by directional signage.

#### FROM THE JOHN WAYNE (ORANGE COUNTY) AIRPORT:

Take the San Diego Freeway (405) north to the Long Beach Freeway (710). Go south on the Long Beach Freeway to the Downtown Exits (710 then becomes Shoreline Drive). Follow Shoreline Drive to Linden Avenue and into the parking lot or as advised by directional signage.

#### FROM SOUTHERN ORANGE COUNTY:

Take the Santa Ana Freeway (5) north to the San Diego Freeway (405). Take the San Diego Freeway (405) north to the Long Beach Freeway (710). Go south on the Long Beach Freeway to the Downtown Exits (710 then becomes Shoreline Drive). Follow Shoreline Drive to Linden Avenue and into the parking lot or as advised by directional signage.

#### FROM NORTH ORANGE COUNTY AND THE VALLEYS:

San Gabriel & Pomona Valleys take the Orange Freeway (57) or San Gabriel Freeway (605) to the Riverside Freeway (91) to the Long Beach Freeway (710). Go south on the Long Beach

Freeway to the Downtown Exits (710 then becomes Shoreline Drive). Follow Shoreline Drive to Linden Avenue and into the parking lot or as advised by directional signage.

### **Parking**

The Long Beach Convention & Entertainment Center has more than 4,000 parking spaces around the Center in three parking garages and one ground level parking lot. Rates may vary by event and are in effect seven days a week. The Terrace Theater Parking Garage is generally open for theater events and has 800 parking spaces. The Arena Parking Garage is open for conventions, tradeshow and Arena events and has 1,460 spaces. The Promenade Parking Garage is open for conventions, tradeshow and special events and has 350 spaces. The Main Parking Lot along Shoreline Drive has 1,500 spaces.

**Parking is \$15 per car per entry to any of the Center's lots and is subject to change without notice.**

### **Area Hotels**

<https://www.visitlongbeach.com/hotels/downtown-properties/>



We are members of the TUW family.

We are mentors to current students.

We are valued members of communities worldwide.

We are support for each other in our careers.

We are TUW Alumni.

**Embrace your legacy and [join](#) the TUW Alumni Association today!** For more information and a free membership form, please visit us at the 2025 Commencement Ceremony or the TUW Alumni Association webpage: <http://www.tuw.edu/alumni/>



Touro University Worldwide is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC).

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