

## The Commencement Ceremony

The procession will leave the staging area and enter [Laxson Auditorium](#) promptly at 4:30 p.m. for the first commencement and 7:30 p.m. for the second commencement ceremony. The faculty marshals are in charge of the processional, and your cooperation with them is necessary and appreciated.

The first ceremony will last approximately one hour and the second ceremony will last approximately one and one half hours. Graduates will be seated by academic college, and an exact number of seats will be reserved in Laxson Auditorium for the number of graduates participating. **Therefore, it is important to completely fill each row as the graduates are seated in the auditorium.**

As his or her name is read, each graduate will be hooded by the dean of the appropriate academic college and the dean of Graduate Studies. Then the graduate will walk across the stage to shake hands and be congratulated by President Paul Zingg. Graduates will receive a diploma cover and are asked to return to and remain in their seats until the end of the ceremony.

A reception for graduates and their guests will be held in the lawn area outside Kendall Hall immediately following each ceremony. In the case of rain, Kendall Hall will be available. Light refreshments will be provided from a local caterer including fruit, assorted cheeses, spreads and more. We hope that you will be able to join us!

**All commencement-related information will be provided on this website and via e-mail to all students who have applied for graduation and have completed all of the requirements to graduate. The information provided is the best available at the time of posting but is subject to change. Please check back, especially as we get closer to the date of the ceremonies.**