



Dear Graduate,

Congratulations on your successful completion of studies at FIDM! The entire staff and faculty are proud of your achievements, and we hope you are as well. As you move forward into the next chapter of your life, we wish you all the happiness and success in the world.

We are thrilled to celebrate this momentous occasion with you and your loved ones. We know how much hard work and dedication you have put into your studies, and we cannot wait to see what you will accomplish in the future.

Please take a moment to review the commencement handbook, which includes all the details about the ceremony that will take place on Friday, March 21, 2025, at the Wilshire Ebell Theatre. The handbook contains important information that can help answer any questions you may have.

Once again, congratulations on your graduation, and we wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

Cordially,

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# PREPARING FOR GRADUATION

## Tentative Graduate List

- Students are responsible for completing the “**Apply for Your Degree**” request on the FIDM Portal.
- A tentative graduation list will be posted at Hope 5, on the general information board. This list only reflects students enrolled in the current quarter. It is the student’s responsibility to check the list and ensure that their name is spelled exactly the way they wish it to appear on their diploma. The names in the graduation program are derived from this list. For questions, see Elizabeth DeGies, H527 or call 213.624.1200 x 3425.
- Final degrees are not awarded at the commencement ceremony. Diplomas are mailed to all the graduates four to six months after their graduate date if the student is financially cleared. It is the graduate’s responsibility to complete the online application for their degree for their diploma to be sent to the appropriate address.

## Cap & Gown Distribution | February 19, 2025

Each graduate will receive:

- A cap & gown
- Tassel
- Graduation Handbook
- Tickets
- Parking Information & Map
- (6) Announcements
  - Additional announcements will be available through Student Activities for \$12.00 a pack. Announcements are not admittance tickets\*. Each graduate will receive 4 tickets to the ceremony.

\*Please note that FIDM prohibits the sale or purchase of commencement tickets and the posting of advertisements offering tickets for sale or requesting purchase tickets. FIDM also prohibits duplication of tickets and the production and use of counterfeit tickets. Any student who the college has reason to believe is selling tickets, has purchased tickets, has posted an advertisement offering to buy or sell tickets, or who is found to have produced or attempted to use a duplicated or counterfeit ticket will be subject to disciplinary action following the Code of Student Conduct. Penalties may include denial of permission to participate in commencement. Any guest found to be using such tickets will be refused admission to the ceremony.

# **GRADUATION CEREMONY**

**Friday, March 21, 2025**

**11:30 AM**

**Wilshire Ebell Theatre**

**4401 West 8<sup>th</sup> Street**

**Los Angeles, CA 90005**

## **Commencement Schedule**

**Friday, March 21, 2025**

**11:30 AM**

Beauty Business Management

Digital Marketing

Beauty Marketing & Product Development

Master of Business Administration

Business Management

Merchandising & Marketing

Creative Industry Studies

### **Arrival Time**

- All graduates are required to wear their cap, gown, and tassel. We recommend that graduates bring only their caps, gowns, and essential personal items or a small handbag that they can keep with them during the ceremony.
- Graduates should arrive robed and ready to line up.
- Graduates will check in outside of the theatre at 9:30 AM. Anyone arriving after 10:00 AM will not be permitted to walk.
- Water and light refreshments will be provided for graduates prior to the ceremony.
- Staff from the college will be supervising the line-up procedure for the processional. Please follow their directions.
- Staff will direct students to the graduates' seating area near the stage. Seating among the graduates is by program and then on a first-come, first-seated basis.

## **Guest Arrival & Seating**

**Guests will be admitted at 10:30 AM. All graduates will need an admission ticket.** Graduates will not need a ticket for admittance. The ceremony is expected to reach maximum guest capacity. The saving of seats is prohibited as seating is first come, first served. We highly encourage guests to arrive with their party members. If all members of your party have not yet arrived, please delay entering the seating area until your party is together to ensure you will be seated together. Children who do not take up a seat and will remain seated in a person's lap throughout the entire ceremony will not require a ticket to the ceremony.

## **Parking**

The Wilshire Ebell Theatre offers free parking in its two on-site parking lots, one west of the theatre building and once cross Lucerne Bl. At the corner of 8<sup>th</sup> street. Ebell lots tend to fill quickly prior to events, so please plan accordingly. There are a limited number of disabled parking spaces available in the lot west of the building.

## **Accessibility & Special Accommodations**

The entrance to the Wilshire Ebell Theatre is handicapped accessible, with no steps or stairs required to enter. Wheelchair accessible seating as well as companion seats are downstairs in the Orchestra section, Row Z. Please refer to theatre seating chart found at <https://ebellofla.org/theatre/seating-chart> for detail. There are no elevators in the theatre to access upstairs seating.

Guests requiring sign language interpreting assistance should contact Gigi Gu at [ggu@fidm.edu](mailto:ggu@fidm.edu) by February 20 or call 213.624.1200 x 5003.

## **Safety & Security Measures**

It is our top priority to ensure a safe and memorable experience for all graduates and guests. To help ensure we achieve these goals, all persons entering the commencement venue will be required to go through a security checkpoint that includes a metal detector screening and bag check.

We highly encourage all guests to arrive at least 60 minutes before the start of the commencement ceremony start time. Guests will not be allowed to enter the venue with more than one bag. All weapons (including pocketknives) and glass bottles of any kind are prohibited.

To be considerate to other guests and graduates, do not bring nose makers or selfie sticks or stand in the aisle during the ceremony.

## **Commencement Ceremony & Protocol**

Graduates and their families are encouraged to make any post-commencement reservations/celebrations after that time.

Graduates are requested to conduct themselves in a manner appropriate to the occasion.

Graduates are to remain seated and will be unable to leave until the ceremony is over.

Out of consideration to other graduates on this special occasion, please refrain from cell phone use during the ceremony.

Any students failing to complete the requirements may not participate in the ceremony, even if they received a cap and gown.