



KING UNIVERSITY

CLASS OF 2023

SPRING 2023 GRADUATION NEWSLETTER

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for more details.



Spring 2023 Commencement Calendar



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March

RSVP by submitting newly revised Intent to Graduate form.
To complete the form visit:
www.king.edu/about/offices/registrar/graduation/application-for-degrees/.

If you do not submit the Intent to Graduate form you will not receive a diploma.

03

March

Deadline to order graduation announcements and cap and gown without a late fee.

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April

Last day to change walking status or name for program.

21

April

Cap and gown orders will not be accepted after this date.

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April

6:00 PM Nursing Pinning Ceremony at First Presbyterian Church (701 Florida Ave, Bristol, TN 37620).

RSVP to the School of Nursing required.

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April

6:00 PM Baccalaureate Service at First Presbyterian Church (701 Florida Ave, Bristol, TN 37620).

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April

8:30 AM Graduates line up for Commencement on the Oval at King University (1350 King College Road, Bristol, TN 37620).

10:00 AM Commencement ceremony begins.

This schedule is subject to change.

Undergraduate Academic Honors

Academic honors shall be determined by the undergraduate student's King grade point average.

Latin Honors

Graduates who have completed a minimum of 62 semester hours of graded coursework at King (excluding PLA, and Pass/Fail credits) will be eligible for the following Latin honors:

- GPA meeting or exceeding 3.500: cum laude; or
- GPA meeting or exceeding 3.700: magna cum laude; or
- GPA meeting or exceeding 3.900: summa cum laude.

Honors With Distinction

Graduates who have completed 48-61 hours of graded coursework at King (excluding PLA, and Pass/Fail credits) and have a grade point average of 3.70 or higher will graduate With Distinction in their designated field of study.

Students in a graduate program are not eligible for academic honors due to the GPA expectations set by those programs.

Honors for Commencement Ceremony

Anticipated honors will be announced during commencement exercises.

The GPA at the end of week 10 in the student's final semester will be used to calculate anticipated honors. Graduates with summa cum laude honors will receive a gold honor cord at the commencement ceremony.

Students who are approved to march early will not have honors announced.

Final honors will be noted on the diploma and transcripts.



New Intent to Graduate Form **NOW AVAILABLE - [click here](#)**

Information submitted on this form is used to plan graduation, print the commencement programs, and order diplomas. We ask that all participants submit this revised form.

king.edu/about/offices/registrar/graduation/intent-to-graduate/

Attention: Summer Graduates

Any student who graduates in summer or fall will normally participate in commencement exercises the following spring. Students in associate's, bachelor's, and master's programs can petition to march in the spring ceremony held prior to the conferral of their degree if they are registered for the deficiencies in the subsequent semester.

To petition to participate in an early commencement ceremony, students must supply a copy of their degree audit showing their plan for degree completion as well as indicating their preferred ceremony when submitting the Intent to Graduate form. Students can obtain their degree audits, plan courses for future semesters, and download the audit in PDF format by clicking the link to Conclusive through student portal.



Cap and Gown Information

Graduates are responsible for ordering their caps and gowns from Herff-Jones' website:

<http://www.herffjones.com/college/king/>

The deadline for ordering caps and gowns is March 3rd.
Late orders submitted after March 03, 2023 must be placed by visiting:

www.tornadoalleyshoppe.com/Cap-Gown-Order-Late-CG-Late.htm

A \$35 late fee will be applied to all late orders. No orders will be accepted
after April 21, 2023.

When caps and gowns are ready for distribution, graduates will receive an email with
pick-up/shipping instructions.

Questions related to cap and gown orders should be directed to
bookstore@king.edu.

Regalia Guide

The gown for the bachelor's degree has pointed sleeves. The gown for the master's degree has an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist. The gown for the doctoral degree has bell-shaped sleeves. Gowns for the bachelor's or master's degrees are untrimmed. For the doctoral degree, the gown is faced down the front with velvet (usually black); three bars of velvet are used across the sleeves. These facings and crossbars may be of velvet of the color distinctive for the degree, or the institution's colors.

The academic hood is the identifying symbol of the degree. Hoods are lined with the official color or colors of the college or university conferring the degree. King University hoods are lined in red and blue. The length of the hood worn for the bachelor's degree is three feet, for the master's degree three and one-half feet, and for the doctoral degree, four feet. The hood worn for the doctoral degree only shall have panels at the sides. The binding or edging of the hood is two inches, three inches, and five inches wide for the bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees, respectively; the color is indicative of the subject to which the degree pertains.

Students should order a hood which aligns with their academic program as indicated below.

BA

Bachelor of Arts

Hood Lining - White

Associated Majors:

Biology: Human Biology Track; Traditional Business: All Tracks; Digital Media Art & Design; Traditional History; Interdisciplinary Studies; Political Science/History; Security and Intelligence Studies

BSW & MSW

Bachelor of Social Work

Master of Social Work

Hood Lining - Citron

Associated Majors:

Social Work
Graduate Social Work

BBA & MBA

Bachelor of Business Administration

Master of Business Administration

Hood Lining - Drab

Associated Majors:

AGS Business Administration; AGS Business Management; Graduate Business

BSN, MSN, & DNP

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Master of Science in Nursing

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Hood Lining - Apricot

Associated Majors:

Nursing;
Graduate Nursing;
Nurse Practice

BS

Bachelor of Science

Hood Lining - Golden Yellow

Associated Majors:

Biology : Cell and Molecular/General Tracks; Communication; Criminal Justice; Exercise Science: All Tracks; Forensic Science; Healthcare Administration; AGS History; Information Technology: All Tracks; Mathematics: All Tracks; Psychology; Religious Studies; Sport Management

MED

Master of Education

Hood Lining - Light Blue

Associated Major:

Graduate Education



Commencement Parking

To avoid creating additional challenges, we ask that all graduates and guests travel to the Bristol campus in one vehicle, if possible. Parking will open at 7:00 AM. No parking passes will be issued to graduates or employees.

Shuttle service on campus will be provided.

Those who are mobility impaired and require special parking accommodations must have a state-issued handicap placard or register to obtain a commencement parking permit to use special needs parking. Please note that special needs parking permits issued by King University Security Office are only valid for the Commencement service on April 29, 2023.

If you do not have a state-issued handicap placard and need to park in the special needs parking you must register to obtain your parking permit.

<https://www.king.edu/about/offices/security-and-safety/parking/special-event-parking/mobility-impaired-commencement-parking/>

Nursing Pinning Ceremony

Thursday, April 27th at 6:00 PM
First Presbyterian Church
701 Florida Ave
Bristol, TN 37620

Each school's nursing program bestows a pin distinctive to their own school. King University's School of Nursing pin, like the distinguished 13th century coat of arms, signifies pride in individual achievement. The nursing students in the first graduating class designed King's School of Nursing pin.

The pinning is associated with Florence Nightingale, who, in the 1860s, was honored with the Red Cross of St. George for her selfless efforts to injured men during the Crimean War.

Because she believed in acknowledging a job well done, she presented a medal of excellence to her hardest working nursing graduates. By 1916, it became standard in the United States to award all nursing graduates with a pin during a special ceremony. One of King's traditions for the ceremony has included a blessing of the hands and lighting of the Florence Nightingale lamps.

The School of Nursing will contact students eligible to participate in the ceremony.



Baccalaureate Service

Friday, April 28th at 6:00 PM
First Presbyterian Church
701 Florida Ave
Bristol, TN 37620

For graduating students, the Baccalaureate service is a great opportunity to reminisce with fellow students about their years at King University. The service is a vital and timeless expression of the commitment students have made to the values of excellence and service that King represents. It provides an occasion to acknowledge King's roots in the Christian academic tradition and to give thanks to God for the opportunities students have enjoyed as members of the King University community. The Baccalaureate service is a sacred part of the King experience and cherished by generations of King alumni. For this reason, all graduating students are expected to attend.

The service is held at the First Presbyterian Church at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, the evening before each spring Saturday commencement ceremony. Graduating students should assemble in the Fellowship Hall at 5:15 p.m. and wear their robes without the hood or cap.



Diplomas

King University's Office of Registration and Records is focused on helping you progress to your next educational endeavor or career milestone.

The university has expanded our partnership with Parchment to combine your printed diploma with a secure digital version. Digital awards offer many benefits for you.

With Parchment, the leader in e-transcript exchange, the digital diploma is sent, and delivered electronically, securely, and confidentially. Just like the Parchment e-transcript service, the Blue Ribbon Verified PDS is an official record of your credentials. This type of verification ensures none of the information in the credential has been altered.

Once all degrees have been conferred, a notice will be sent to your King email account. The digital diploma allows you to share your accomplishments on social media sites such as Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter, and LinkedIn. We encourage you to promote your talents in places where employers and future King Students will see them.

In addition to your digital diploma, we are excited to provide you with a paper diploma. Official paper diplomas will be mailed your home address on file within 10 to 14 business days after you have received your digital copy.

Diploma FAQ

What name is printed on my diploma?

Your name will appear on your diploma as indicated on your Intent to Graduate form.

How is my diploma sent to me?

Diplomas are sent via USPS to the HOME address on file. If your address is incorrect, you will need to contact the Office of Registration and Records before the date of conferral to change your address.

Can I order an additional diploma?

To order additional copies of your diploma, you will need to send an email to registrar@king.edu. There is a \$35 fee for each additional copy.

Diplomas only list the degree earned, not the student's program of study. Degrees include:

Associate of Arts, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Business Administration, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Bachelor of Social Work, Master of Business Administration, Master of Education, Master of Science in Nursing, Master of Social Work, Doctor of Nursing Practice



Additional Information

Courses from Outside Institutions

Students taking courses from another institution within their graduation semester need to be aware that grades for such courses are due no later than 8:00 AM on Tuesday, May 2nd.

Failure to meet this deadline could hold up conferral of the degree and the release of transcripts. Students are responsible for making arrangements with professors at other institutions to complete course requirements early, if necessary, in order to meet the King University deadline.

Family Diploma

A graduating student who has a parent or guardian that is a member of the King University faculty, staff, or Board of Trustees may request that the parent deliver the diploma case during commencement in lieu of the President. The student should make the request in writing to The Office of Academic Affairs at provost@king.edu at least two weeks prior to commencement. Requests after this date will not be approved.

Veterans and Active Military

We acknowledge graduates who served our country by bestowing upon them red, white, and blue honor cords. Veterans and Active Military are given the braided cord to wear around the neck at the commencement exercises.

Accommodations*



Courtyard by Marriott Bristol
3169 Linden Drive
Bristol, VA 24202
(276) 591-4400



The Bristol Hotel
510 Birthplace of Country Music Way
Bristol, VA 24201
(276) 696-3535



The Sessions Hotel
833 State Street
Bristol, VA 24201
(276) 285-5040

***Recommend booking early.**

An outdoor concert will be taking place in downtown Bristol the same weekend as commencement. Attendance is expected to be high.