

## **Important Spring 2025 Graduation Information – 04/04/2025**

*Congratulations! This is a Celebration of your Academic Success!*

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### **Ceremony Date and Times:**

- **Location:**
  - Walter Sillers Coliseum (located on the North-side of the campus, West of Kent Wyatt Hall)
- **Ceremony Times:**
  - **Friday, May 9th**
    - **10:00 AM** -- ALL **graduate** students in the College of Business and Aviation, College of Education, Arts and Humanities and College of Nursing, Health and Sciences (Master's, Ed. Specialist's, Doctoral) and **undergraduate** students in the College of Nursing, Health and, Sciences
    - **2:00 PM** -- ALL **undergraduate** students in the College of Business and Aviation, and College of Education, Arts and Humanities

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### **Spring 2025 Graduation Application and Fees:**

- The deadline to apply late for the Spring 2025 semester was March 1<sup>st</sup>. If you missed the deadline to apply or need to make any changes to your application, contact the Registrar's Office at [registrar@deltastate.edu](mailto:registrar@deltastate.edu). Anyone applying for graduation during the late application period will be responsible for paying the \$50 late graduation application fee.
- The graduation fee of \$50 and the late application fee of \$50, if applicable, will be applied to your student account on **Thursday, May 1st**. This fee covers the cost of your diploma, the diploma cover, and the processing of your diploma. You can pay these fees on or after this date. All fees are payable to Delta State University, Student Business Services, Kent Wyatt Hall #131, Cleveland, MS, 38733. Please include your student ID# with your payments, or you can make a payment through your MyDSU Online Portal. **Fees must be paid to you to receive your diploma.**
- **If graduation requirements will not be completed by the end of the Spring 2025 semester, contact the Registrar's Office to inactivate or move your application by Friday, April 25th.** If your name is not removed from the graduation list by the deadline and you do not meet graduation requirements, you will be responsible for re-applying for graduation and paying the \$50 fee for that application as well.

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### **Immediate Next Steps:**

- **Commencement Participation Survey**
  - If you are going to be walking in the ceremony, you must complete the Commencement Participation survey before picking up your tickets. Click on the link below to access the survey.  
Spring 2025 Graduation Participation Survey:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6NVVH9D>
- **Purchase of Regalia**
  - If you intend to participate in the commencement ceremony, you must purchase regalia from the Jimmy R. Williams Bookstore (located in the Union). Students will keep their entire regalia package. **You will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony unless you are wearing regalia.**

- You can purchase your regalia by clicking on the following link:  
<https://gradsupply.com/dsu/>
- **The deadline for ordering online was Monday, March 31, 2025.** You may visit the Jimmy R. Williams Bookstore starting Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> to purchase a limited number of extras if you did not order online. A \$25 late fee will be assessed for all regalia sales *after the March 31, 2025 deadline.*
- Students may visit [www.gradsupply.com/student-orders](http://www.gradsupply.com/student-orders) to request a refund before midnight on Wednesday, April 2, 2025. After April 2, 2025, all regalia purchases are final.
- Cost of regalia:
  - **BACHELOR PACKAGE** – \$57.76 incl. tax (Purchase includes cap, gown, and tassel)
  - **MASTER/SPECIALIST PACKAGE** – \$106.98 incl. tax (Purchase includes cap, gown, tassel, and hood)
  - **DOCTORAL PACKAGE** – \$182.95 incl. tax (Purchase – includes a tam with tassel, gown, and hood)
  - The prices above do not reflect the additional \$25 late fee that will be added to ALL orders placed *after the March 31st deadline* or the \$20 fee that will be added to SHIP-TO-HOME orders.
  - All orders become non-refundable after the April 2nd refund request deadline.
  - The graduation fee of \$50 DOES NOT include regalia fees. Your regalia will not be ordered until payment for the regalia has been received.
- Regalia Distribution:
  - IF YOU CHOOSE IN-STORE PICK-UP: Your regalia order will be ready for pick-up starting Wednesday, April 16, 2025, in the Jimmy R. Williams Bookstore.
  - IF YOU CHOOSE SHIP-TO-HOME: Your regalia order will be shipped to you during the week of April 9, 2025.
  - IF YOU DID NOT ORDER BY THE MARCH 31, 2025 DEADLINE: You will need to visit the Jimmy R. Williams Bookstore starting April 16, 2025 to purchase your regalia from a limited number of extras. *A \$25 late fee will be assessed at that time.*
- **Questions/Concerns about regalia – Please contact the Jimmy R. Williams Bookstore by phone at 662-846-4640 or by email at [SM8031@bncollege.com](mailto:SM8031@bncollege.com).**

- **Name or Address Information Changes**

If you have moved or have had a legal name change since you applied for graduation, complete and return the Name/Address Change Form ([click here](#)).

- **Graduation Announcements**

Graduation announcements may be ordered through the Jimmy R. Williams Bookstore.

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#### **Guest Ticket Pick-Up:**

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- Each candidate will reserve the number of guest tickets they need in the **Spring 2025 Graduation Participation Survey** (*see the link to the survey on the first page of this attachment*). The maximum ticket limit is 10 for Graduate and 10 for Undergraduate candidates. Please only reserve the number you will truly need.
- **Pickup Times:** Please note, that **candidates must pick up their guest tickets** and are required to show a photo ID at the window, at the time of pickup. **We will not allow anyone else to pick up your tickets.**
  - **Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup> - Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am - 4:30 pm**, at the Registrar's Office in Kent Wyatt Hall 152
  - **Please only take the number of tickets you need for your guests.** If we have extra tickets remaining, these will be made available to candidates on **Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am**. These will be given out *one* at a time on a first-come, first-served basis until all tickets have

- been distributed.
- If unable to pick up your tickets before the day of Commencement, they will be available for pickup at the Walter Sillers Coliseum during student check-in.
- Seating for Wheelchair and Easy Access Guests: Limited seating is available for guests in wheelchairs and guests who need easy-access seating. Easy-access seating is reserved for guests who have trouble navigating stairs. This seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

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## The Ceremony:

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- Dress Code:
  - Men: dark pants, shirt, tie, and dark dress shoes
  - Ladies: any color dress, or dark pants and dark dress shoes
  - Cords/Stoles/Medals are allowed for DSU academic honors, and one stole and pins are allowed for official DSU organizations. **NO** homemade cords or stoles are permitted. There are no cords/stoles provided for Latin honors.
  - Caps:
    - Please do not decorate your cap. If it is decorated with items that stand up on top of it or hang off from it, you will be asked to remove your cap and wear a temporary replacement. You cannot remove your tassel or alter it in any way.
    - Undergraduate candidates: Wear the tassel on the right. After the degree is conferred, move to the left.
    - Graduate candidates: Wear the tassel on the left. Do not move your tassel after the degree is conferred.
- Do not bring any personal items with you, except for an umbrella in case of rain.
- Use the restroom before getting in line.
- Commencement Program: Printed programs will be available for the candidates during the ceremony. The Program will be available electronically for all guests via a QR code. All candidates, including those not participating in the ceremony, will be included in the program unless their record is marked confidential.
- Conferring the Degree:
  - The Graduate students will graduate first followed by the Undergraduate students.
  - Graduate Students:
    - Doctoral candidates need to have their hood unbuttoned and draped over their right arm when approaching the stage.
    - Ed Specialist and Master's Candidates wear their hoods during the entire ceremony.
  - Undergraduate Students:
    - Honor diploma recipients will be called first at the beginning of the Bachelor's degree conferral. Each of these candidates will rise and walk towards the stage as they are called. Wait until you are told to walk across the stage to receive your diploma cover. Each one will walk across individually. You will not return to the stage to walk a second time with your degree group.
  - Candidates will all rise when the Provost announces their group, but candidates should keep their eyes on the staff instructing them on the floor. They will give the motion to the first few rows to line up and will motion everyone else to sit until it is time for them to walk.
  - The DSU President will greet individual candidates after their names are called. Candidates will cross the stage, briefly pause for a photo with the President while shaking his hand and receive their diploma cover.
  - Candidates will then proceed down the stairs on the right side of the stage and return to their seats.
- Leaving the Ceremony:
  - At the close of the ceremony, the staff on the floor of the coliseum will guide the recession of candidates.

- Livestream of Ceremonies:
  - The ceremonies will be livestreamed. A link will be available in our next communication of information and posted to the graduation website.

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**Financial Aid Exit Counseling**

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- Financial Aid exit counseling is required for all students who have received Federal Direct Subsidized, Unsubsidized, or Plus loans. Exit Counseling can be completed online at <https://studentaid.gov/>. If you have any questions, please contact the Financial Aid office at [finaid@deltastate.edu](mailto:finaid@deltastate.edu).
- All undergraduate students who graduate and will be fully admitted to a graduate program for the following semester, must contact the Financial Aid office at [finaid@deltastate.edu](mailto:finaid@deltastate.edu).
- Perkins Loans exit interviews will be held for all students who have received a Perkins Loan. Please contact Student Business Services at 662-846-4698 regarding times and locations.
- To retrieve Financial Aid Forms [click here](#).

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**Teacher Certification**

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- Students eligible for certification through the State Department of Education in Jackson must have National Teachers' Exam Scores and an application for certification on file in the Office of Field Experiences, Ewing 370. Electronic applications for certification are completed on the MDE website: <https://www.mdek12.org/OEL>

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*This document will be updated and resent as information becomes available. The required survey links will be made available in the updated version.*