Spring 2017 English Graduate Recognition Ceremony FAQ’s:

Friday, May 12, 2017 • Mary Rippon Theatre • 11:00am Reception • 11:30am Recognition Ceremony

How long is the ceremony? Approximately 2 hours. Ceremony length is dependent on the number of students who choose to participate.

How many guests can I invite? Will they need tickets? There is no limit to the number of guests you can invite. This is not a ticketed event.

What/where is the Mary Rippon Theatre? It is an outdoor theatre located between the wings of the Hellems Building.

What should I wear? That’s up to you. Many students choose to wear a cap and gown (regalia), but it is not required for students participating in the English department’s recognition ceremony. Participants in the university commencement ceremony at Folsom Field must wear traditional CU academic regalia.


What if there’s inclement weather? The English ceremony takes place outdoors, rain or shine. May weather can be unpredictable in Colorado, please dress accordingly.

I’m not technically graduating in spring 2017, can I still walk in the spring ceremony? English students (undergraduate and graduate) graduating in fall 2016, spring 2017 or summer 2017 are all encouraged to participate in our departmental recognition ceremony.

Will my name be printed in the department’s program? Fall 2016, spring 2017 and summer 2017 graduates who apply to graduate (via MyCUInfo) by the university’s stated deadlines (for getting your name printed in the program) will be included in the English department’s program.

Visit http://www.colorado.edu/registrar/students/graduation for additional graduation application information and deadlines.

How does the ceremony work?

1. Reception, 11:00am: Join us for light refreshments at the back of the Mary Rippon Theatre.

2. Check-in by 11:15am: There will be check-in tables located by the entrance to the Mary Rippon theatre. Please stop at one of these tables and fill out a card with your name and your major(s). Keep the card with you.

3. Line up by 11:20am: Graduates must line up in the hallway outside the English department office (HLMS 101) by 11:20am. At 11:30am English faculty will lead the processional through the door at the back of the theatre, marching down to the reserved seats at the front of the theatre.

4. Cross the stage: When the individual recognition portion of the ceremony begins, a staff member will direct your row to rise and approach the stage. As you proceed across the stage, please hand your card to the designated Associate Chair so that they can read out your name and accomplishments. Staff will direct you back to your seat where you’ll remain until the ceremony ends.

Questions about parking, diplomas, cap and gown rentals, special accommodations, etc.? Questions about the university ceremony? Visit the university’s commencement site and FAQ’s linked below.

General: http://www.colorado.edu/commencement/
FAQ’s: http://www.colorado.edu/commencement/faqs

Still have questions about the English ceremony? Contact the Department of English Undergraduate Student Services at ssengl@colorado.edu or 303-492-6434 with questions.