

## Spring 2022 English Graduate Recognition Ceremony FAQs:

Friday, May 6, 2022 ♦ Mary Rippon Theatre

9:00am Reception ♦ 9:30am Recognition Ceremony

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

**Do I need to RSVP? How many guests can I invite? Will they need tickets?** *No RSVP is necessary. 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. See map on next page.*

[Campus Map](#)

[Commencement parking and shuttle information](#)

**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.*

Please visit [this page of the university's graduation website](#) for regalia information.

**What if there is 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 2022, can I still walk in the spring ceremony?** *English students (undergraduate and graduate) graduating in fall 2021, spring 2022 or summer 2022 are all encouraged to participate in our departmental recognition ceremony.*

**Will my name be printed in the department's program?** *We print the names of all fall 2021 graduates (English Literature & Creative Writing majors, MA, MFA and PHD students) and all students who apply to graduate in spring 2022 or summer 2022 (via MyCUInfo) by the university's stated deadline for getting your name printed in the program.*

Visit [the Office of the Registrar's website](#) for graduation application information and deadlines.

### How does the ceremony work?

1. **Reception, 9:00AM:** *Join us for light refreshments at the back of the Mary Rippon Theatre.*
2. **Check-in by 9:15AM:** *All graduates must check-in between 9 and 9:15am at the table located between the arched entrances to the Mary Rippon Theatre. In order to walk across the stage and have your name announced, you must visit the check-in table to fill out an info card with your name and your degree(s)/major(s). **Keep the card with you.***
3. **Line up by 9:25am:** *Line up under the sign that corresponds with your degree (Honors, Undergraduate, MA, MFA, PHD, etc.) posted in the hallway between HLMS 101 and HLMS 124. At 9:30am, 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 degree(s). 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.*

[University Commencement General Information](#)

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**Still have questions about the English ceremony?** *Contact [engldept@colorado.edu](mailto:engldept@colorado.edu) or 303-492-7381.*