



FALL 2025

COMMENCEMENT

Saturday, December 13, 2025
11:00 a.m.
Pershing Arena

FALL 2025 COMMENCEMENT INSTRUCTIONS FOR FACULTY

General Instructions

Please read these Commencement Instructions carefully as there will be no rehearsal for Commencement.

During Commencement, all degree candidates (undergraduate and graduate) will be recognized individually while walking across the stage to receive a diploma cover.

The doors at Pershing Building open at 10:00 a.m. for family and guest seating on a first-come, first-seated basis.

PROCESSION

Degree Candidates

Degree candidates will assemble in academic dress on Saturday, December 13, in the small gym (PB 130) in Pershing Building by 10:00 a.m. Candidates will be seated by degree, not alphabetically. At the appropriate time, the Grand Marshal will declare that the “ranks are closed” and anyone not in place will be excluded from the graduation procession.

Faculty Members

Faculty members will assemble in academic dress on the second/main floor of Pershing Building at 10:30 a.m. by Exercise Science Department Office. Please use the east entrance doors to enter Pershing Building. There will be staff members available to help with robing, questions, etc. Please be prompt. Additionally, Deans will be asked to provide an estimate of faculty planning to attend commencement in order for the Registrar's office to optimize the setup of chairs for all attendees.

Academic Procession

The Platform Party will be assembled in the Exercise Science Department Office (PB 2114). The faculty will follow two Junior Marshals and will proceed behind the Platform Party (led by the Grand Marshal). The procession will walk down the east stairs and turn north to enter the arena from the north side.

Degree candidates will follow the Marshal and the Junior Marshals out of the small gym behind the faculty. The faculty will form two lines (like a tunnel) along the north side of the east bleachers and north wall for the students to process through on their way to their seats. Once the students are at their seats, the faculty will follow the students to proceed to their seats in the arena.

Procession Order

The academic procession will form at 10:50 a.m. in the following order:

1. Truman State University ROTC Color Guard:
separate from processional & located at east side of stage
2. Grand Marshal
3. Sue Thomas, President and Tim Walston, Interim Executive
Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost
4. Commencement Speaker
5. Members of the Board of Governors
6. Vocalist
7. Commencement Reader
8. Two Junior Marshals
9. Administration
10. Faculty
11. Marshal
12. Two Junior Marshals
13. Candidates for Master of Accountancy Degree
14. Candidates for Master of Arts Degree
15. Candidates for Master of Arts in Education Degree
16. Candidates for Master of Athletic Training Degree
17. Candidates for Master of Science Degree
18. Two Junior Marshals
19. Candidates for Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree
20. Candidates for Bachelor of Music Degree
21. Candidates for Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree
22. Candidates for Bachelor of Arts Degree
23. Two Junior Marshals
24. Candidates for Bachelor of Science Degree

Granting of Degrees

Degrees will be awarded in the following order:

All undergraduate candidates will be asked to stand at the request of Interim Provost Walston. While standing, their degrees will be conferred en masse by President Thomas.

Undergraduate candidates will be recognized in two groups:

- **Group 1:** Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, and Bachelor of Arts
- **Group 2:** Bachelor of Science

After the conferral, **Group 1** will be invited to the stage to receive their diploma covers. **Group 2** will remain seated until all Group 1 students have crossed the stage and returned to their seats. Then, Group 2 will be called to the stage.

After all undergraduate students have received their diploma covers, **master's degree candidates** will be asked to stand at the request of Interim Provost Walston. Their degrees will also be conferred en masse by President Thomas. Following this, all master's candidates will proceed to the stage to receive their diploma covers.

Recession

Participants will depart in the following order during the playing of the recessional:

- Platform Party
- Administration and Faculty
- Master's degree recipients
- Undergraduate degree recipients

We will have ROTC cadets lined up in Pershing Arena to help keep the crowd back so the recessional can move easily to the foyer on the second/main floor. Faculty may exit through the east doors or return to the Exercise Science department area if needed.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

Parking

Parking will be available in the Ryle Hall, Pershing Building, Stokes Stadium, Violet Hall, and Magruder Hall parking lots.

Seating

There is NO reserved seating for guests. The doors to Pershing Arena open at 10:00 a.m. for family seating on a first-come, first-seated basis. Guests should enter Pershing through the Arena Entrance on the southwest side of the Pershing Building.

Broadcast of Commencement

Truman State University's Public Relations Department will live stream the Commencement Ceremony on Truman's YouTube Channel and Facebook page. A link to the live stream will also appear on the [Truman website](#).

Questions

Please contact the Registrar's Office, McClain Hall 104, registrar@truman.edu, or (660) 785-4143, with any questions concerning Commencement.