

## Frequently Asked Questions for Event Participants College of the Arts Master's Commencement

### When will the event be held?

Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m.

- 9:30 a.m.            Doors open and check-in begins  
                          A light breakfast will be served for graduates and their guests
- 10 a.m.                Check-in concludes - **all graduates must check in no later than 10 a.m.**
- 10:30 a.m.            Breakfast concludes and graduates begin lining up for the ceremony
- 11 a.m.                Ceremony begins

### Where will the event be held?

Rialto Center for the Arts at Georgia State University (80 Forsyth Street NW, Atlanta, GA 30303)

### Who should attend?

Master's students graduating from the College of the Arts in Spring 2018 and Master's students who graduated in Fall 2017. If you are unsure of which graduation ceremony to attend, please contact the Graduation Office at 404-413-2248 or [graduation@gsu.edu](mailto:graduation@gsu.edu).

### When and where do I check in?

Student check in will be located in the lobby of the Rialto. In order to participate in the ceremony, students must check in no later than 10 a.m. Check in will begin at 9:30 a.m.

### What is the best way to get to the event?

For directions to the Rialto, please visit <http://rialto.gsu.edu/visit/>.

### Where should my guests and I park?

Parking is available at a variety of surface and street lots around the Rialto. Parking fees and hours at these lots vary. Please see the [Downtown Interactive Parking Guide](#) for more information. Also, please note that the College of the Arts Master's Commencement is not a "Rialto Series" event and parking will not be validated.

### What will happen at the event?

Following a short presentation by the dean of the college, each school will individually recognize graduates. Each student will cross the stage and have their name called.

### What should I wear?

The college prefers that participants wear cap and gown for this event. Alternatively, students may dress appropriately for a formal occasion. Please note that no storage will be provided for personal belongings.

### Do my guests need tickets for the event?

No, this is not a ticketed event.

### How long will the event last?

We anticipate that the event will last less than one hour. We require that all students stay for the entirety of the event (and request that guests do so as well out of respect for our graduates).

### Does this event replace the GSU commencement ceremony?

Yes, for master's students. COTA undergraduates will attend the university commencement at Georgia State Stadium on May 11<sup>th</sup>, and the Ph.D. hooding event will be held at the Rialto Center for the Arts on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

### How do I request disability accommodations for me or my guests?

Students or guests with disabilities should contact the College of the Arts Dean's Office ([cotacommentment@gsu.edu](mailto:cotacommentment@gsu.edu)) with any accommodation requests.

**If you have other questions, please contact the College of the Arts Dean's Office at [cotacommentment@gsu.edu](mailto:cotacommentment@gsu.edu) or 404-413-3186.**