



Commencement 2025

YALE DIVINITY SCHOOL

Thursday May 15

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Graduation Rehearsal

Sterling Divinity Quadrangle

Session detailing walkthrough of University & YDS ceremonies, Q&A, and a rehearsal of lineup and procession for YDS Ceremony.

All graduating students required to attend.

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Welcome to the YDS Alumni Community Reception

Old Refectory

All graduating students are invited to celebrate with the YDS Office of Alumni Engagement & Development. Connect with your alum team, receive a gift, and enjoy your achievements.

Friday May 16

12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Black Church Studies Certificate Program Celebration

Marquand Chapel

Celebrate with the the Black Church Studies program and your families. Reception to follow in 2nd Floor Common Room.

5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Reformed Studies Graduation Celebration

Old Common Room

Students of the Reformed Studies Program are invited to celebrate with their families and guests.

Saturday May 17

10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Roman Catholic Studies Graduation Mass

Marquand Chapel

Worship celebration for all student members of the Roman Catholic Fellowship. A light luncheon follows the service in the 2nd Floor Common Room.

11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Andover Newton Seminary Graduation Celebration

Marquand Chapel

Worship and celebration of students who have completed ANS's program of study. Reception to follow celebration in the Old Common Room.

2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Methodist Studies Graduation Celebration

2nd Floor Common room

Methodist students are invited to celebrate your graduation with your families at a luncheon.

Saturday, continued.

4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Berkeley Divinity School Commencement

Evensong & Reception

Marquand Chapel & Berkeley Center

Service and conferral of Certificates and Diplomas in Anglican Studies & Certificates in Educational Leadership and Ministry. A reception will follow.

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Lutheran Studies Program Conferral of Honors and Prayer

Bethesda Lutheran Church

Hosted by the Bethesda Lutheran Church.

Sunday, May 18

3:45 p.m.

Faculty Gather for Procession in RSV Classroom; Students Gather On the Quadrangle.

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

YDS Commencement Worship

Sterling Divinity Quadrangle

5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

YDS Worship Reception

Sterling Divinity Quadrangle

6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

ISM Commencement Banquet

Location to be Announced in Spring.

A celebration for Institute of Sacred Music graduates and their families and friends. *Invite only; registration required for guest tickets.*

Monday, May 19

8:45 a.m.

Gather at Main Gate On Quad for Procession

Front Gate of Sterling Divinity Quadrangle

9:15 a.m. Approx.

Procession Begins to Cross Campus

Front Gate of Sterling Divinity Quadrangle

10:30 - 11:45 a.m.

Yale University Commencement

Old Campus

12:45 - 1:45 p.m.

Yale Divinity School Diploma Ceremony

Sterling Divinity Quadrangle

1:45 p.m.

YDS Commencement Reception

Sterling Divinity Quadrangle



INFORMATION SHEET FOR FAMILIES & GUESTS: Yale University Commencement & Yale Divinity Diploma Ceremony | Monday May 19, 2025

Ceremony Event Details

Graduates of YDS participate in both the Yale University Commencement Ceremony and the Yale Divinity Diploma Ceremony.

- The Yale University Commencement Ceremony is held on Old Campus from 10:30 a.m. until approximately 11:45 a.m. Ticketed guests of graduates should plan to arrive at Old Campus around 8:30 a.m. to secure seating in the guest area.
- The Yale Divinity Diploma Ceremony is held in Sterling Divinity Quadrangle from 12:45 p.m. until approximately 1:45 p.m. followed by a late-luncheon reception.
- The walk time between Old Campus and Yale Divinity School is 25 - 40 mins. Shuttles for Divinity will also be in operation between the YDS campus and Old Campus.

Ticketing Information

- For the Yale University Ceremony that occurs on Old Campus, each YDS graduate will receive two guest tickets. Only those two guests may attend the University Ceremony on Old Campus. More information on dispersal of these tickets will come in spring, including potential extra guest tickets.
 - For guests not attending the ceremony downtown, livestreaming of the event will occur on the YDS campus. See "Live streaming" section below.
- Guest tickets will not be required for the Yale Divinity Diploma Ceremony, although we will ask graduating students to register their attendance (and their party size) in spring 2025.

Livestreaming Options

The Yale University Commencement Ceremony will be broadcast live on the Yale University website. It will also be broadcasted live in classrooms at YDS for guests who are not going to Old Campus. The Yale Divinity Diploma Ceremony will be broadcast live on the Yale Divinity website and in classrooms also. Both livestreams will be available on the YDS Commencement website.

Hotels and Accommodation Planning

It is recommended to book your hotels or accommodations as soon as possible. Nearly 15,000 guests attend Yale Commencement every year, and hotel reservations can be hard to secure unless you book early. For a listing of local hotels and accommodations, please consider reviewing some of your options on the [Visit New Haven website](#).

Transportation & Parking

Many university lots will be open to the public from 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 16 thru Monday, May 19. Satellite parking with accessible shuttle service to Old Campus will be provided on Commencement morning. Please see <https://commencement.yale.edu> for further information on parking, directions and shuttle services.

Living Village Construction

With the construction of the [Living Village](#) on the YDS campus, parking options and routes around the campus will differ than previously experienced. Accessible parking options and campus navigation information will be conveyed in the spring via email to YDS students to share with their families and guests.

Accessibility Services Information

For a description of services the University provides to guests with disabilities or health concerns, please visit the following site: <https://commencement.yale.edu/accessibility>. To request accessible seating or sign language interpreters for the Yale Divinity Diploma Ceremony, please email osa.yds@yale.edu no later than April 16th. Please note that YDS unfortunately does not have wheelchairs available for rent for guests of graduates during Commencement.



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Visit the YDS Commencement website: yaleconnect.yale.edu/ydscommencement