2016 GRADUATE THEOLOGY
HOODING CEREMONY & COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION

- **COMMENCEMENT REHEARSAL**
  Friday, April 29, 2016, in Mabee Center at 12:00 noon.  **Graduates must be seated by 11:45 a.m.**  Do not wear regalia to rehearsal.

- **HOODING CEREMONY**
  Friday, April 29, 2016, in Christ Chapel.  **Graduates arrive by 2 p.m. sharp.**  Guests should be seated by 2:30 p.m.; ceremony begins promptly at 3 p.m.  **Wear regalia and bring hood.**

- **COMMENCEMENT**
  Saturday, April 30, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. in Mabee Center.  **Graduates must arrive by 11:30 a.m.**  Follow the signs for processional lineup location.  Guests preferring choice seating should arrive by noon.  Seating in the arena is on a first-come, first-served basis.

**HOODING CEREMONY DETAILS**

- **Regalia:** Wear graduation gown when arriving and bring hood.  Gown and hood must be pressed and presentable for Hooding.  Regalia is required!

- **Hood:** Carry the hood onto the stage on your left arm.  Each student will present his/her own hood to the advisor at the time of hooding.

- **Honor cords:**  Graduate GPAs for honors are determined by the **cumulative GPA through the fall semester.**  The list of honor students is published by the Registrar’s office and approved by the Dean.  Honor cords are awarded – you do not have to order or purchase them.
  - Only students on the list will receive honor cords at the Hooding Ceremony.
  - A purple cord (Honors) is given to students with a cumulative GPA of 3.8-3.99.
  - A gold cord (High Honors) is given for a 4.0 GPA.
  - If you have a question about your status, please contact the Dean’s office.
  - **Do not wear honor cords from your undergraduate degree!**

- **University-issued Graduation cards** will be distributed as you line up for the Hooding processional.
  - During the Hooding Ceremony, the person announcing the graduates’ names will take your graduation card, announce your name and degree, and then return the card to you while you wait by the announcer.  **(SAVE the card and take it with you to Commencement on Saturday.)**
  - Proceed to center stage where you will meet the Dean and your advisor.  They will place the hood on you.
  - Pause for the photographer to take your picture.
  - Proceed to the **opposite side of the stage** to descend the stairs and return to your seat as directed by the usher.
  - Stay in place after the dismissal until directed to proceed to the stage for the group picture.
GRADUATION CEREMONY DETAILS

- Graduates must arrive at Mabee Center by 11:30 a.m., Saturday, April 30.
- Follow the signs for processional lineup location.
- Ladies! For security reasons, please arrange to have someone be responsible for your handbag at Hooding and Commencement. ORU will not be responsible for any missing items.
- **Bring your University-issued Graduation card issued to you at the Hooding.**
  - Your name will not be announced at Commencement nor will you be allowed to walk across the stage without a graduation card.
  - If you need a replacement card for Saturday morning, see Naomi Flagg in the graduates’ lineup area.
- **Guest seating:** Guests preferring choice seating should arrive by noon. Seating in the arena is on a first-come, first-served basis.

PICTURES/VIDEOS

- **Hooding**
  - Individual pictures will be taken of the graduate and his/her advisor and the Dean during the Hooding Ceremony by a professional photographer.
  - Group pictures will be taken on stage immediately after the ceremony.
  - Order forms for Hooding 2016 pictures will be available after the Hooding Ceremony.

- **Graduation**
  - Pictures: Information cards will be distributed during Graduation rehearsal at the Mabee Center on Friday.
  - Graduation video: Order forms will be available in the Mabee Center lobby on the day of Commencement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Regalia will be available in the University Bookstore beginning March 21. Regalia can only be purchased – not rented. Regalia for masters’ degree (cap, gown, hood, and tassel) is $82.00. Regalia for sizes 4’10” through 6’6” do not need to be preordered, but can be purchased in the University Bookstore. Persons who are taller than 6’6” should special order regalia through the University Bookstore immediately (918) 495-6566.
- Personalized graduation announcements can be ordered in the University Bookstore or at www.herffjones.com/college/graduation. These announcements are the only ORU officially approved announcements. Stop by the store to see a sample. Non-personalized graduation announcements are available in the store.
- Diploma:
  - A $63 diploma fee was charged to your student account when the graduation application was processed. This must be paid by April 1, 2016, for your diploma to be released.
  - If you are planning to move between the dates your graduation application was filed and before you receive your diploma, you must send a separate change of address to the Registrar’s office to change the mailing address for your diploma. Diplomas will be mailed from the Registrar’s office 8-12 weeks after graduation.

- Contact Judy Cope at (918) 495-7016, email jcope@oru.edu, with any questions concerning Hooding or Commencement details.