

Dear WU graduate,

We are happy that you have chosen to participate in an academic commencement ceremony to celebrate your graduation. Below please find a brief description of the graduation ceremony schedule.

- 30 minutes before the start of the commencement ceremony, all graduates gather for a briefing located in the Ceremonial Hall 2. The briefing will include a detailed description of the ceremony's structure and schedule.
- After the briefing, a professional photographer will take a group photo of the graduates and the Master of Ceremonies.

- Start of the graduation ceremony -

- The graduates enter the room in alphabetical order
- The Master of Ceremonies enters the room to musical accompaniment 🎵 *Gaudeamus igitur* 🎵
- The Master of Ceremonies greets the guests and delivers the commencement address.
- 🎵 *Musical interlude* 🎵
- Reading of the graduation formula

"You pledge to serve the cause of science, support its goals, and thus contribute to solving the problems of human society and to its positive development. You also pledge to remain close to the University and to support its work and goals to the best of your abilities."

When your name and the title of your thesis are read out, please approach the Master of Ceremonies, say the academic pledge by placing your first and second fingers on the WU ceremonial scepter and pronouncing the words "spondeo" or "Ich gelobe" or "I pledge". After saying the pledge, please receive your diploma from the Master of Ceremonies. Once again, photos will be taken by a professional photographer.

- 🎵 *Musical interlude* 🎵
- A selected graduate gives a commencement speech.
- The Master of Ceremonies makes concluding remark.
- 🎵 *The Austrian national anthem and the European anthem are played* 🎵 and the commencement ceremony ends.

We hope you enjoy your commencement ceremony!

The Examinations Office Team

