

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **Do I have to register in advance?**

Members of the BPI community should [register in advance](#). Guests do not need to register separately unless they are purchasing BBQ tickets.

### **When I arrive, where should I go first?**

Check in at the BPI tent in front of Hopson Cottage (Admission Office) between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm. This is where BPI and Microcollege graduating students will pick up their caps and gowns, and those who registered for BBQ tickets can pick them up. Photographers will be on hand for individual and group photos, and a light lunch will be provided.

If you're planning to attend the Master's Degree ceremony at 10:30 am, go to Fisher Center first and check in at the BPI tent after that ceremony.

This [Bard Commencement Map](#) highlights the locations of BPI/Microcollege/BardBac events throughout the day.

### **I'm graduating – how many guests can I bring?**

Graduating students are welcome to bring as many guests as they like. The evening BBQ is the only event that requires tickets.

BPI will purchase up to three BBQ tickets for each graduating student. Additional tickets are available for purchase in the registration form. If your guests would like to purchase tickets, please share the registration link with them so that they can do so.

### **How can my guests reserve seating in the Commencement Tent?**

Seating in the Commencement Tent is first-come-first-serve, and the tent opens at 1:30 pm. When graduates head to the chapel for the Class Photo, their guests can go to the Commencement Tent to find seats.

### **What should I wear/bring?**

We advise graduates and guests to monitor the weather, as the day is planned to be fully outdoors, rain or shine. **Most importantly, please wear shoes that you are comfortable walking in, including on gravel and grass, and up and down moderate hills across campus.**

We recommend bringing your reusable water bottle: there will be bottle-filling water stations around the Commencement Tent. Graduates and guests may leave bags and personal belongings at the BPI tent **at their discretion**; however, it is their responsibility to retrieve them after the ceremony.

### **What if I and/or my guest(s) have limited/impaired mobility?**

For graduates and guests with limited/impaired mobility, golf cart transportation is available to and from the registration and ceremony locations. Please email [bpi@bard.edu](mailto:bpi@bard.edu) to arrange and be connected with the Bard Disability Office, if needed. The [registration form](#) will also give you an option to request accessible seating.