

CBS 2025 Commencement Ceremony – HOUSTON

Congratulations to the graduating class of 2025! We commend you for arriving at this point in your academic journey. May God continue strengthening and using your gifts and talents for His service!

The following information is needed to prepare you for this important day in your life and ministry.

Ceremony Overview

Date: Saturday, August 9, 2025

Arrival Time: 8:30 a.m. (students)

Ceremony Time: 10:30 a.m. (no admittance through main sanctuary doors after 10:30 am; everyone must enter through side doors only after that time.)

Location: Houston's First Baptist Church

7401 Katy Fwy, Houston, TX 77024

Sanctuary doors open for family and guests at 9:30 am.

Commencement Regalia (Cap and Gown)

Commencement regalia are a requirement for all degree candidates to participate in the Convocation and Commencement Ceremony.

PURCHASE OFFICIAL REGALIA: <https://www.buildagrad.com/cbshouston>

- Bible Certificate graduates will not need to purchase regalia.
- Associate-level graduates will wear blue robes and red tassels.
- Bachelor's-level graduates will wear black robes and gold tassels.
- **For those graduates who have earned academic honors**, CBS will purchase and supply honor cords for associate-level graduates and honor medals for bachelor's-level graduates. Honor awards will be presented at the graduation dinner.

Dress Attire (Attire to be worn under regalia)

All graduates are expected to wear formal attire under their regalia and for any award presentations.

Attire Guidelines:

- Male Graduates:
 - White dress shirt
 - Modest tie
 - Dark slacks and/or suit jacket
 - Dark socks and dress shoes
- Female Graduates:
 - Modest dark dress OR dark slacks with a nice, modest shirt
 - Dark dress shoes (flats or heels are both acceptable)

Diplomas and Awards

Candidates will receive a diploma cover at the time of the Commencement Ceremony.

The official CBS diploma for graduates will be mailed to the address on file with CBS 6 to 8 weeks after commencement or 6 to 8 weeks after the conferral date.

Please contact the Office of the Registrar if your address has changed.

PLEASE NOTE:

- All CBS financial obligations (Student Financial Services and Library) and graduation exit assessments must be cleared/completed for the official certificate, diploma, and transcript with degree posting to be released.
- Regularly review your CBS email and the CBS website for important graduation information.
- Look for any communications regarding pre-ceremony recognition events.
- Ensure you know the exact location of the graduation ceremony; CBS recommends driving to the location ahead of time if needed.

- Ensure you know the exact time you need to arrive on the day of the ceremony, plan on arriving at least 15 minutes early to allow for unforeseen events that may delay arrival.
- If you need assistance at any time or have questions, please contact the Office of the Registrar at Registrar@cbsouston.edu.