DBS Commencement Ceremony
2:00 pm Adam’s Center West Auxiliary Gym
Congratulations on earning your degree! Here are a couple of helpful notes about the DBS commencement ceremony, which is about two hours following the main UM Ceremony (details of that are available on the Registrar’s web page).

- Find a seat. This ceremony is pretty casual and we don’t line up or march in. Please sit in the chairs on the north half of the floor (see map). Graduate students will sit in the front row; undergraduate students will sit in the rows behind that in no particular order.
- After short speeches by Associate Dean Janson and a faculty member, students will stand up, one row at a time, exit out the left of your aisle and walk to the faculty members at the front of the room.
- Each faculty member will want to shake your hand. Give your completed blue card to the faculty member with the microphone. He will read your name and you will shake a few more hands before you arrive at the faculty member who will hand you your diploma cover. Stop, smile, the photographer will take your picture during this handoff.
- Proceed around the outside of the block of chairs, along the aisle at the base of the bleachers in front of you, come up the back of the center aisle and return to your chair (see arrows on map).
- After final words by the Associate Dean, come to the back of the room and the catered setup for refreshments and a chance to visit.
- There is a ceremony in the room before us, but they should be cleaning up and out of there at 1:30 pm. We should be completely finished with our ceremony by 3:30.

Forget or lose your blue card? See the helpful DBS Office staff members who are answering questions and ushering at the DBS ceremony; we will have some spare cards and pens.