The graduation program process is detailed below:

**Cap and Gown Ceremony**

The ceremony will commence at 7:00 pm at Diablo Valley College Viking Stadium (Gymnasium in the event of rain). All graduates, certificate recipients, parents, family and friends are welcome, please RSVP attendance by visiting [www.dvc.edu/grads](http://www.dvc.edu/grads). Commencement exercises and reception following will conclude at approximately 9:30 pm.

**Reception**

Refreshments and entertainment will be provided immediately following the ceremony at the DVC Commons. The reception will take place in the HSF Food Court and Quad area for graduates, families, faculty and other guests. Faculty Marshals will lead graduates to the reception area in the reverse order of the processional entrance.

**Cap and Gown Packets**

1. Caps, gowns, tassels, diploma/certificate holder packets will be available for purchase at the DVC Book Center.
   
   Packets may be purchased: 
   - May 7: 7:45am – 7:00pm
   - May 8: 7:45am – 3:00pm
   - May 11-14: 7:45am – 7:00pm
   - May 15: 7:45am – 3:00pm
   - May 18-21: 7:45am – 7:00pm

   **Packet Price:** $29.99
   **Early purchase is encouraged for size availability!**
   Note: Cash or Debit/Credit cards accepted. NO American Express cards or checks will be accepted.

2. Announcer Cards, Last Minute Instructions and Rain Plan will be included in the cap and gown packets.

   **Announcer Cards:**
   Please write legibly and also spell name phonetically.
   Bring the completed Announcer Card with you to the ceremony.

   **Rain Plan:**
   In case of rain, guests will be limited to 2 (tickets included). Ceremony will convene in the Gymnasium.

3. Honor Graduates ONLY: A.A./A.S. degrees only
   3.5 GPA or better in all college work (all institutions) as of February 1, 2015. You must present your honors card at time of cap and gown packet purchase in order to receive an honors medallion, given on behalf of the college. If you are unable to attend the ceremony, the medallion may be purchased at the Book Center at a later date.

**Procedures**

1. **Graduates Assembly Area:**
   Assemble by 6:15 pm on May 21
Graduates must assemble on the walkway between the Math Building and the Lake for the processional into Viking Stadium. Wearing low heel shoes is highly recommended. Programs will be distributed as graduates are lined up. Parents, family and friends are to go directly to Viking Stadium as seating will be first-come, first-served.

2. Graduation announcements will be available for purchase at the Book Center.

3. Fresh flowers, leis and light refreshments will be available for purchase prior to the ceremony by Gameday Souvenirs, Inc.

4. Photographs: There will be graduate photos taken during the ceremony. Proofs will be emailed with an option to purchase for those students who completed a photo card. You may also opt-out of this offer if you choose not to purchase photos. Please visit www.gradimages.com for more information.

Special Accommodations

If you or your guests have need for any special accommodations, please call (925) 969-2173 or email Laurence Orme in Disability Support Services at lorme@dvc.edu 10 days prior to the day of the ceremony.

Important

* NO balloons will be allowed in Viking Stadium
** NO use of cell phones will be allowed during the ceremony. Please inform family and friends to respectfully power off cell phones during the graduation ceremony.
*** To minimize movement and interruption during the ceremony, a special setting for picture taking will be arranged at the reception area to provide families the opportunity for photographing.
**** If for any reason you are unable to attend the graduation ceremony, diploma covers and honors medallions may be purchased at the Book Center at a later date.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Item</th>
<th>Price</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Diploma Covers</td>
<td>$7.99</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Honor Medallions (with honors card only)</td>
<td>$9.99</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

For More Information

For other information regarding graduation, please contact our Student Life Office at (925) 969-4267.