

Calvin Theological Seminary Visitor's & Commencement Guidebook

Spring 2025 Edition



Calvin Theological Seminary | 3233 Burton St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546



Commencement

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The Commencement (graduation) ceremony is **Saturday, May 17, 2025 at 10:30 am** at the Covenant Fine Arts Center on Calvin University's campus.

Graduates will need to arrive for rehearsal at 9 am. If you do not attend the open house on May 16, regalia will also be available for you at rehearsal. Doors will open at 10 am for guests. A livestream of Commencement will also be available on Calvin Seminary's YouTube channel (youtube.com/calvinseminary). This is a non-ticketed event - bring as many guests as you'd like!

Following Commencement, there will be a reception in the Seminary Student Center until 1 pm. Please note that you will *not* be able to access the Seminary building prior to Commencement, as staff will be preparing for the open house.

Open House and Chapel for Graduates

Graduates and their guests are invited to join us at the Seminary for an open house on **Friday, May 16 from 10 am - noon**. You will be able to pick up your regalia, attend chapel, and greet faculty and staff members.



Travel to Grand Rapids

Airport

Calvin Theological Seminary's campus is conveniently located 5.5 miles from Gerald R. Ford International Airport (GRR).

The following airlines regularly fly into Grand Rapids, and often have nonstop routes between Grand Rapids and many major cities:

- Delta
- Frontier
- Allegiant
- Southwest
- American
- United

Rental Cars

Renting a car is an easy option for your visit to Grand Rapids, allowing you to experience our city in your free time.

The following rental car companies are located at the Gerald R. Ford International Airport:

- Alamo
- Hertz
- Enterprise
- Budget
- National

Close Cities

If you're a fan of road trips and exploring new sights on the way, Grand Rapids is close to the following major cities:

- Detroit - 160 miles
- Lansing - 70 miles
- Chicago - 180 miles
- Indianapolis - 260 miles
- Cleveland - 300 miles
- Columbus - 330 miles
- Cincinnati - 360 miles



Stay in Grand Rapids

Local Hotels

All hotels listed are located between Calvin Theological Seminary and the Gerald R. Ford International Airport. Click on the name of the hotel to be redirected to their website for costs and booking information. Many of these hotels will also have a shuttle service to and from the airport.

- [Prince Conference Center](#) - 1800 E Beltline Ave SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546
- [Hilton Garden Inn](#) - 2321 E Beltline Ave SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546
- [Delta Hotels by Marriott](#) - 3333 28th St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512
- [Homewood Suites by Hilton](#) - 3920 Stahl Dr SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546
- [Home2 Suites by Hilton](#) - 4260 Sparks Dr SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546
- [Holiday Inn](#) - 3063 Lake Eastbrook Blvd SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512
- [Staybridge Suites](#) - 3000 Lake Eastbrook Blvd SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512
- [Comfort Inn](#) - 4155 28th St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512
- [Tru by Hilton](#) - 4570 28th St SE, Kentwood, MI 49512
- [Hampton Inn & Suites](#) - 5200 28th St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512
- [SpringHill Suites by Marriott](#) - 5250 28th St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512
- [Sheraton](#) - 5700 28th St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546
- [TownePlace Suites by Marriott](#) - 5430 28th St Ct SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546
- [Candlewood Suites](#) - 5401 28th St Ct SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546
- [Country Inn & Suites by Radisson](#) - 5399 28th St Ct SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546
- [Residence Inn by Marriott](#) - 4443 28th St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512

Other Lodging Options

If you prefer to explore local neighborhoods or stay in downtown Grand Rapids, AirBNB and VRBO have many homes listed in close proximity to Calvin Seminary:

- [AirBNB Grand Rapids](#)
- [VRBO Grand Rapids](#)



Eat in Grand Rapids

Chain Restaurants

Click on the restaurant name for their menu & hours of operation.

- [Starbucks](#) - 2480 Burton St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546
- [Jimmy John's](#) - 2751 E Beltline Ave SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546
- [Cheesecake Factory](#) - 3195 28th St SE Suite B-121, Kentwood, MI 49512
- [Chick-Fil-A](#) - 2750 E Beltline Ave SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546
- [Culver's](#) - 2510 E Beltline Ave SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546
- [On the Border](#) - 3195 28th St SE R-101, Kentwood, MI 49512
- [Five Guys](#) - 3561 28th St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512
- [Potbelly](#) - 3559 28th St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512
- [Red Robin](#) - 3195 28th St SE, Kentwood, MI 49512
- [Panera Bread](#) - 3770 28th St SE, Kentwood, MI 49512
- [Bonefish Grill](#) - 1100 E Paris Ave SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546

Local Favorites

Click on the restaurant name for their menu & hours of operation.

- [Anna's House](#) - 2409 E Beltline Ave SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546
- [CoreLife Eatery](#) - 2461 Burton St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506
- [Wolfgang's](#) - 1530 Wealthy St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506
- [Uccello's](#) - 2630 E Beltline Ave SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546
- [The Pita House](#) - 1508 Wealthy St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506
- [Terra](#) - 1429 Lake Dr SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506
- [Electric Cheetah](#) - 1015 Wealthy St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506
- [The Old Goat](#) - 2434 Eastern Ave SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49507
- [Hopcat](#) - 2183 E Beltline Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525
- [The Green Well](#) - 924 Cherry St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506
- [Brewery Vivant](#) - 925 Cherry St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506
- [Zivio](#) - 724 Wealthy St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503
- [Le Kabob](#) - 3122 28th St SE, Kentwood, MI 49512
- [Donkey Taqueria](#) - 665 Wealthy St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503
- [The Winchester](#) - 648 Wealthy St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503
- [Harmony Brewing Company](#) - 1551 Lake Dr SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506
- [Beer City Bread](#) - 2650-D E Beltline Ave SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546
- [Gravity Taphouse Grille](#) - 3210 Deposit Dr NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546



Shop & Explore Grand Rapids

Local Bookstores

- [Baker Book House](#) - 2768 E Paris Ave SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546
- [Reformation Heritage Books](#) - 3070 29th St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512
- [Schuler Books](#) - 2660 28th St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512

Shopping

- [Woodland Mall](#) - 3195 28th St SE, Kentwood, MI 49512
- [CenterPointe Mall](#) - 3665 28th St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512
- [Breton Village Mall](#) - 1814 Breton Rd SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506
- Target - 5120 28th St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512
- Trader Joe's - 3684 28th St SE, Kentwood, MI 49512
- Meijer - 5531 28th St Ct SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512
- Whole Foods - 2897 Radcliff Ave SE, Kentwood, MI 49512

Experience Grand Rapids

Whether you're visiting for a week or a weekend, Grand Rapids has something for everyone! The [Experience Grand Rapids](#) website shares options for food, local breweries, coffee shops, and places to explore. We've included a few of our favorite local spots below!

Local Favorites

- [Frederik Meijer Gardens](#) - 1000 E Beltline Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525
- [Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum](#) - 303 Pearl St NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504
- [Grand Rapids Public Museum](#) - 272 Pearl St NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504
- [Grand Rapids Art Museum](#) - 101 Monroe Center St NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503
- Catch a performance at [Van Andel Arena](#) or [DeVos Performance Hall](#)
- [Reed's Lake Trail](#) - view the trail map on the [East Grand Rapids website](#)
- [Provin Trails](#) - 2900 4 Mile Rd NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525
- [Robinette's Apple Haus & Winery](#) - 3142 4 Mile Rd NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525

