Outside, students are split into two lines for each program, Line 1 and Line 2. Once faculty take the stage, graduates enter in the two lines and proceed down the center aisle. Line 1 fills seats on Side A and Line 2 fills seats on Side B in the diagram above.

When degrees are conferred, all PhD students enter the stage at the right side stairs, are hooded by their Faculty Chair at position “A”, proceed to position “B” to be congratulated by the Dean, and return to their seats via the left side stairs.

All other students will exit their row to the side aisles, enter the stage at their side stairs, receive their diploma, and exit the stage by the center stairs to return to their seat via the center aisle.