

Suggestions on How to Wear Academic Regalia

Please review the following suggestions on how to wear bachelor, master, and doctoral regalia at the University Commencement. Additionally, information about tassels and honor chords is provided.



Bachelor Regalia

- The gown is to be worn closed.
- The hood is of the same material as the gown.
- It is lined with the official color of the conferring degree with velvet border that indicates the degree.
- Bachelor Regalia completes with a traditional mortarboard and a colored tassel.
- It should be worn flat on the head with the tassel hanging on the right.
- The hood is to be placed over the gown around the neck and shoulders so that the larger portion with the satin colors hangs down the wearer's back.
- The velvet border is worn facing out, with the velvet positioned as the upper band on the hood (under the chin) and the narrow satin trim positioned as the lower band.
- Smooth the velvet band and satin trim into place as the hood is draped over the shoulders and down the back.
- Look for a loop or hook attached to the front of the hood that should be fastened to the gown so that it does not press on the front of the wearer's neck.
- To expose the satin lining in the back, starting at the middle-back level, turn the free edge of the velvet border, below the shoulders, with the fingertips out to the sides and under in a small inside out maneuver.
- This will cause the satin lining to roll into view.
- Secure the cord at the upper back to both buttons found in the lining to keep the hood from spreading apart in the back and falling off the shoulders.



Additional Guidance on the Regalia

- * For the men, please wear a long-sleeved shirt with collar, a tie and dark colored long pants.
- * For the ladies, please wear a dark colored shirt, dress, or pants.
- * No sport shoes or slippers, please.



Master Regalia

- The gown is to be worn closed.
- The hood is of the same material as the gown.
- It is lined with the official color of the conferring degree with velvet border that indicates the degree.
- It should be worn flat on the head with the tassel hanging on the right.
- The hood is to be placed over the gown around the neck and shoulders so that the larger portion with the satin colors hangs down the wearer's back.
- The velvet border is worn facing out, with the velvet positioned as the upper band on the hood (under the chin) and the narrow satin trim positioned as the lower band.
- Smooth the velvet band and satin trim into place as the hood is draped over the shoulders and down the back.
- Look for a loop or a hook attached to the front of the hood that should be fastened to the gown so that it does not press on the front of the wearer's neck.
- To expose the satin lining in the back, starting at the middle-back level, turn the free edge of the velvet border, below the shoulders, with the fingertips out to the sides and under in a small inside out maneuver.
- This will cause the satin lining to roll into view.
- Secure the cord at the upper back to both buttons found in the lining to keep the hood from spreading apart in the back and falling off the shoulders.



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- * For the men, please wear a long-sleeved shirt with collar, a tie and dark colored long pants.
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Doctoral Regalia

- The unmistakable mark of the doctor's gown is the three bars of velvet and gold linings on each of the full flowing rounded sleeve.
- These crossbars of velvet are of the color distinctive of the disciplines to which the degree pertains.
- The gown is worn closed.
- The hood velvet edge of the hood represents your discipline, the satin colors your school and the overall size and shape represent the achievement of your doctoral degree.
- Doctoral Regalia come with a traditional tam with six-corner. It is styled in black velvet and a gold metallic tassel.
- The hood is to be placed over the gown around the neck and shoulders so that the larger portion with the satin colors hangs down the wearer's back.
- The velvet border is worn facing out, with the wide velvet positioned as the upper band on the hood (under the chin) and the narrow satin trim positioned as the lower band.
- Smooth the velvet band and satin trim into place as the hood is draped over the shoulders and down the back.
- Look for a hook attached to the front of the hood that should be fastened to the gown so that it does not press on the front of the wearer's neck.
- To expose the satin lining in the back, starting at the middle-back level, turn the free edge of the velvet border, below the shoulders, with the fingertips out to the sides and under in a small inside out maneuver.
- This will cause the satin lining to roll into view.
- Secure the cord at the upper back to both buttons found in the lining to keep the hood from spreading apart in the back and falling off the shoulders.

Additional Guidance on the Regalia

- * For the men, please wear a long-sleeved shirt with collar, a tie and dark colored long pants.
- * For the ladies, please wear a dark colored shirt, dress, or pants.
- * No sport shoes or slippers, please.

Madonna University Tassels, Honor Cords

Tassel colors visually designate the degree the graduate is receiving.

Associate Degrees	Black
Bachelor of Applied Science	Gold
Bachelor of Arts	White
Bachelor of Music	Pink
Bachelor of Science	Gold
Bachelor of Science in Nursing	Apricot
Bachelor of Social Work	Citron

Master Degrees

Business	Drab
Education	Light Blue
Health Services	Gold
Hospice	Purple
Liberal Studies	White
MTESOL	White
Nursing	Apricot
Pastoral Ministry	Scarlet
Psychology	Gold
Social Work	Citron

Doctoral Degrees

Nursing	Apricot
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Optional cords for students who earn honors, high honors and highest honors are purchased at the University Bookstore.

Honor cords should be worn around your neck, over your gown, and underneath your hood.

Honor Cords for various Honor Societies: Check with the Advisor of your Honor Society or the Office of Student Life.

