

University of Baltimore
Guidelines for Commencement Attire
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Ceremony Attire

Purpose

Commencement ceremonies convey the scholarly tradition and formal tone befitting of an academic ceremony. University of Baltimore is guided by the American Council on Education's [Academic Costume Code](#). All commencement participants are expected to behave in a manner consistent with the occasion. Graduates choosing not to abide by these regalia guidelines will be asked to leave the assembly area and will not be permitted to participate in the Commencement ceremony.

Traditional academic regalia will be worn by all graduating students and faculty participating in the commencement ceremonies. All graduates must complete a graduation application with [Office of Records and Registration](#) and receive approval via their [My UB Portal](#) to be eligible for commencement. Please refer to the [Commencement web site](#) for important dates and deadlines related to regalia.

Student Regalia

These regalia guidelines will be strictly enforced on ceremony day and the university reserves the right to request that graduates change attire that does not meet these guidelines before participating in the ceremony.

GOWN

Master's and bachelor's candidates wear a black, mid-calf gown. The gown may not be altered in any way. Appropriate business or business casual attire are strongly encouraged. Shorts and tennis shoes are discouraged unless needed for mobility reasons.

CAP

Master's and baccalaureate candidates wear the black mortar board (cap) designated by the university. The caps are elasticized--one-size fits all. They must be worn as part of the commencement attire.

We encourage graduates to show their individual expression through the decoration of mortarboards. To ensure the Commencement ceremony is enjoyable for all who participate, we ask that students be sensitive and respectful to the feelings of others attending the ceremony.

Prohibited Decorations:

- Bows, ribbons or tulle
- Three dimensional objects
- Flowers or flower crowns
- Lighted objects

TASSEL

Students must wear the tassel provided with the purchased garb. If students choose to separately purchase a tassel, it should be black.

Baccalaureate candidates traditionally wear the tassel on the right side of the mortar board until directed to move it to the left side during the commencement ceremony.

DEGREE HOOD

Degree hoods are worn only by master's and doctoral candidates. Hoods purchased through the University of Baltimore book store will correspond to the appropriate color for the graduate's academic program.

STOLES, PINS AND CORDS

The university encourages students, academic programs and student organizations to wear appropriate adornments to the standard UB regalia. Graduates may choose to wear stoles, cords, and pins. While the number of cords and pins are not limited, graduates are asked to only wear one stole.

Graduates may purchase optional stoles through the University of Baltimore book store. Graduates are not required to wear a stole as a part of their commencement attire.

Note: Graduating students must leave jackets, purses, boxes, backpacks, and/or bags at home or with guests. If desired a small, thin cross body bag into the ceremony. If student chooses to use a cross body bag, it **must** be worn **under** the gown.