Regalia Information

Out-of-State Orders

There were initially problems ordering online but we have been notified that this has been fixed.

Out-of-state or distance learning students may place their cap and gown order online by clicking here and following the instructions from the USC Bookstore under the section CAP AND GOWN HOME-SHIP*. Please note a $20 shipping charge will apply. Contact the USC Bookstore at (213) 740-8997 with questions. Online orders will be available through May 5.

Due to space limitations, the Bookstore is unable to place orders on reserve for in-store pick up.

Renting Regalia

Students who came to Grad Fest and pre-paid for their cap and gown rental can pick up their regalia a week before everyone else, from Monday, April 27 to Friday, May 1.

All other graduates will be able rent academic regalia (caps, gowns and hoods) in the University Bookstore, 3rd floor from Wednesday, April 29th through Friday, May 15th. The hours are:

Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Sunday, 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Friday, May 15, 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

It’s simple to determine what you need to rent:

Bachelor’s degree (black cap and gown only): $59.99
Master’s degree (black cap, gown and hood): $79.99
Doctoral degree (cardinal cap, gown and hood): $99.99

Each of the above rentals comes with a tassel for the cap that can be removed and kept as a souvenir (please be sure you received the tassel, we will not have tassels at commencement line-up). To speed up the rental process, it’s best to have your height and cap size ready. If you don’t know those, though, the staff will be happy to measure you.

At USC, all undergraduate and master’s robes are black, while doctoral robes are created custom for the university in cardinal.

Master’s or Doctoral students: please be very clear when telling the staff what degree you are earning, to make sure you get the right color trim on your hood; a Doctorate is different from a Ph.D., and various Doctorate hoods can be very different colors.
If you have any doubts about the color hood you should be receiving, please check the color swatches posted [here](#). For a list of individual items available for rental and additional pricing information please click [here](#).

**Hood Color**

A Master’s or Doctoral student should make sure you get the right color trim on your hood:

- DPPD hood **lining** is different from a Ph.D.
- Masters’ hoods are different colors. If you have any doubts about the color hood you should be receiving, please check the list posted here:

  **PhD in any field:**
  
  Cardinal cap and gown, hood and **cardinal hood**
  with Dark Blue **velvet trim**:

![PhD in any field](image)

- DPPD
  
  Cardinal cap and gown, hood and **cardinal hood**
  with Crimson **velvet trim**:

![DPPD](image)

  Velvet on hood is the same color as velvet on front of gown
Honor Cords

Honor cords are worn by undergraduates who have earned a minimum 3.5 university GPA by the end of the fall 2014 semester. Students graduating in Fall 2014, Spring 2015 or Summer 2015 who are eligible for honor cords will be invited to the Price Awards Ceremony to receive them.

Master of Health Administration
Master of Public Administration
Master of Public Policy
Executive Master of Health Administration
Executive Master of Leadership

IPPAM Degrees:
Master of International Public Policy and Management
Master of Public Policy and Management

Black gown, black cap and black hood with Peacock Blue velvet trim:

This color square is accurate, hood appears bluer in photo of graduates

Master of Planning
Master of Real Estate Development

Black gown, black cap and black hood Crimson velvet trim:
Note: Eligibility to wear honor cords is not an indication that academic honors (cum laude, etc.) will be designated on your diploma/record since these honors will be awarded after final grades are determined after Commencement, and include all coursework (including transfer work).

**How do I order a stole or sash?**
The only official regalia decorations offered by USC are undergraduates’ honor cords. However, many students choose to augment their cap and gown with customized stoles.

**Some Notes on Protocol**
Caps should be worn at all times, except during the invocation, benediction, and National Anthem, when gentlemen should remove their caps. The tassel is worn over the right temple. When the President salutes the graduates, it is appropriate for the graduates to respond by tipping their caps. Graduates may then move their tassels over to the left side.