The **2014 Grad Fair** will be held in the ballroom of the Tutor Campus Center from February 11-13. The Grad Fair is your one-stop way to get all the information you need about Commencement. Students who pre-order and pay for their cap and gown rental at the grad Fair can pick their regalia up a week before everyone else in the Bookstore, from Monday, April 29 to Friday, May 3!

Graduates will be able rent academic regalia (caps, gowns and hoods) in the University Bookstore, 3rd floor from Monday, May 5 through Friday, May 16. The Bookstore hours are:
- Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM – 7:30 PM
- Saturday, 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM
- Sunday, 10:00 AM – 4:30 PM
- Friday, May 17, 7:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Please **do not** wait until the day of graduation to obtain a cap and gown.

**Out-of-State Orders**
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. 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.

**Cost of Regalia**
- Bachelor’s degree (black cap and gown only): $59.99
- Master’s degree (black cap, gown and hood – hood color varies by degree program): $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. To speed up the rental process, it’s best to have your height and cap size ready. If you don’t know, the staff will be able to assist you.

**Hood Color**
A Master’s or Doctoral student should be *crystal* clear when telling the staff what degree you are earning, to make sure you get the right color trim on your hood; a Professional Doctorate is different from a Ph.D., and hoods are different colors. If you have any doubts about the color hood you should be receiving, please check the list posted here:
Cardinal cap, cardinal gown and cardinal hood with **Dark Blue** velvet trim:

Ph.D. in any field

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

D.P.P.D.

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

Master of Health Administration  
Master of International Public Policy and Management (IPPAM)  
Master of Public Administration  
Master of Public Policy  
Executive Master of Health Administration  
Executive Master of Leadership
How do I order a stole or sash?
While the majority of graduates rent (and do not purchase) their regalia, more and more are purchasing a stole (or sash) to wear on Commencement day. Stoles are available from the University Bookstore’s Supply Department on the 3rd floor. Stoles can be purchased with the USC logo or embroidered university seal, or they can be custom-designed. Custom stoles start at $75 and include 2-8 embroidered letters. There are additional costs for adding seals, logos, fraternity/sorority crests, etc.

Please see the Supply Department on the 3rd floor of the Bookstore for more details.

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.

Returning Rented Regalia
Caps, gowns and hoods should be returned to the drop-off area outside the Bookstore immediately following your satellite ceremony. Returns after commencement day should be made inside the Bookstore’s first floor.

http://commencement.usc.edu/cap-and-gown-rentals/

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