Regalia (Cap and Gown) Information

At USC, all undergraduate and masters robes are black, while doctoral robes are created custom for the university in a beautiful cardinal.

Regalia may rent or purchase robes from the USC Bookstores for Commencement. Each rental comes with a tassel for the cap that can be removed and kept as a souvenir.

The only official regalia decorations offered by USC are honor cords for undergraduate students. Undergraduates who are graduating Fall (December) 2017, Spring (May) 2018 and Summer (August) 2018 who have earned a minimum 3.5 cumulative GPA at the end of the Fall 2017 semester are eligible to wear the official university honor cords at Commencement. These students will be invited to the Price Awards Ceremony to receive honor cords.

Note: Students graduating Fall (December) 2018 who choose to walk early are not eligible to receive honor cords in this academic year.

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).

Many students choose to augment their cap and gown with floral leis or customized stoles.

Gowns and hoods of rented regalia 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.

Cap and Gown Rental/Purchase Information

Cap and Gown rentals will be available to rent/pick up in front of the UPC Bookstore beginning Thursday May 3rd through Thursday May 10th from 8:30am – 7pm. **NOTE: No weekend distribution**

Though regalia may be rented on Commencement Day (Friday May 11th 6:30am – 11am) please DO NOT wait to rent regalia on that day.

**Online Grad Fest Pre-Orders:** If you pre-ordered a Cap and Gown or purchased a Grad Package during Grad Fest (Feb 14 & Feb 15), you can pick up your Cap & Gown **March 21, 22, & 23** from 9:00am – 4pm in front of the UPC Bookstore.

**Online Pre-Orders:** If you pre-order a Cap and Gown or purchase a Grad Package after Grad Fest (Feb 16 – March 31), your Cap and Gown will be available for pick-up starting Thursday, May 3rd until Commencement Day. Between the hours of 8:30am – 7pm, Monday – Friday. **(No weekend distribution)**

**Online, Sacramento, and Out of State Students:**
Students may rent regalia online and pick it up on campus or choose to have it mailed (there is a delivery charge) to your home:

- **Rental Website:** [www.herffjones.com/college/us](http://www.herffjones.com/college/us)
- **Rental customer service:** 800-837-4235
- **Purchase Website:** [https://academicregalia.herffjones.com/School/index](https://academicregalia.herffjones.com/School/index)
- **Purchasing customer service:** 800-552-3228
Graduate Student Regalia
Special instructions for masters degree and 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. Please review the color key for regalia (below) for additional details.

*If you have any doubts about the color hood you should be receiving, please check the color swatches below.*

**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 and *cardinal* hood (shown being carried on left arm) *with Dark Blue* velvet trim:

**DPPD**

*Cardinal* cap and gown, hood and *cardinal* hood (shown being carried on left arm) *with Crimson* velvet trim:

*Velvet on hood is the same color as velvet on front of gown*
Dual Degree Students
You are not required to rent two hoods. If you choose to rent two hoods, wear the hood for the program that you line up with and then change hoods when you go to the stage with the second degree program. You may hold the other hood draped on your arm when you process in.

You may line up and sit with the program of your choice. You will go across stage first with the program that you lined up with and then again with the second program, just join those students in line when they go up to the stage.

Some Notes on Protocol
Caps should be worn at all times, except during an 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.
COST - REGALIA RENTALS

Bachelors
Rental Package - $69.99
Includes: Gown Cap w/Tassel

Masters
Rental Package - $89.99
Includes: Gown / Hood
Cap w/ Tassel

Doctoral
Rental Package - $109.99
Includes: Gown / Hood
Mortarboard Cap w/ Tassel
(Tam cannot be rented)

COST - REGALIA PURCHASES

Bachelors
Gown - $219.99
Mortarboard Cap w/ Tassel - $44.00

Masters
Gown - $259.99
Hood - $154.99
Cap & Tassel - $44.00

Doctoral
Gown - $659.00
Hood - $169.00
Tam w/Gold Silk Tassel - $129.00
Tam w/ Metallic Bullion Tassel - $149.00