**Regalia (Cap and Gown) Information**

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

Graduates 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) 2019, Spring (May) 2020 and Summer (August) 2020 who have earned a minimum 3.5 cumulative GPA at the end of the Fall 2019 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) 2020 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 must 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 7**th **through Friday, May 14**th from 8:30am – 7pm. **NOTE: No weekend distribution**

**Location:** University Park Campus USC Bookstore patio area (outside near the red tent)

*Though regalia may be rented on Commencement Day (Friday May 15**th**, 6:30am –10am), please DO NOT wait to rent regalia on that day.*

**Home Shipment Information**
If you wish to have your rental regalia in hand before **May 7, 2020**, select the home ship option when placing your order. Herff Jones offers home shipping for an additional charge of $18.95. The regalia takes approximately 3 weeks to arrive.

- Home Ship Cap & Gown orders should be placed by **April 18, 2020**. The shipping fee is $18.95. These orders will arrive prior to **May 11, 2020**.
- Home Ship Cap & Gown orders placed between **April 19, 2020 and April 25, 2020** will incur a $36.95 shipping fee. These orders are expedited to arrive prior to **May 11, 2019**.

**Graduate Student Regalia**

Special instructions for Master’s 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:

**Ph.D. in any field:**

*Cardinal* cap and gown and *cardinal* hood with *Dark Blue* velvet trim:

**DPPD**

DPPD hood lining is different from the Ph.D.

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

*Velvet on hood is the same color as velvet on front of gown*
Master of Health Administration
Master of Nonprofit Leadership and Management
Master of Public Administration
Master of Public Policy
Master of Science in Public Policy Data Science
Executive Master of Health Administration
Executive Master of Leadership
Master of International Public Policy and Management

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

Hood appears bluer in the photo of graduates to the left

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Master of Urban Planning
Executive Master of Urban Planning
Master of Real Estate Development

Black gown, black cap and black hood with Crimson velvet trim:
**Dual Degree Students**
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.

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.

**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 Rental**

**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**

