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Catalog 2016-2017 – General Information – Commencement:

Academic Costume

Principal features of academic dress are the gown, the cap, and the hood. It became necessary for universities to set rules to preserve the dignity and meaning of academic dress. Since the 15th century, both Cambridge and Oxford have made academic dress a matter of university control, even to its minor details, and have repeatedly published revised regulations. American universities agreed on a standardized system in 1895. The current Drake *graduate and undergraduate* guidelines *were expanded in 2017. Previous regalia descriptions with minor changes* have been in place since 1960.

Drake Attire

Whereas the Commencement ceremony is a formal affair, academic attire is required. For all Drake University degrees, the black gown is appropriate. The bachelor's gown has pointed, open sleeves with a closed front. The master's gown has closed sleeves with an open or closed front. The doctoral gown has full bell sleeves with wide cuffs. It should be faced down in front with black velvet and three bars of velvet across the upper sleeve.

The cap is a Cambridge-style cap (resembling a large beret) for all doctoral degrees and a square mortarboard (Oxford style) for all other degrees. The cap should be adorned only with a tassel of the discipline color. The gold metallic tassel is appropriate for all doctoral degrees. The hood is worn by candidates for master's degrees and higher. The inside silk lining is the Drake blue with a single white chevron. The outside of the master's or specialist hood is black with velvet trim of the discipline. The outside of the doctoral hood is a wide velvet band in the color of the discipline.

Honor medallions are worn by students graduating with college or university honors. *Academic honor cords or pins may be worn if earned from a Drake college or school recognized academic organization. Leadership of the particular academic organization will inform the President's Committee on Commencement (PCC) of the academic honor item. The PCC needs to review and approve the items to be worn, which is then subject to approval by the University President.*

Registered Student Organizations (RSO) may propose an organizational stole to the Office of Student Inclusion, Involvement and Leadership (SIIL). The stole will express cultural expression and identity expression appropriate for the RSO. A Drake University stole will also be considered appropriate and must follow the same approval process as the RSO proposed stoles. The SIIL Office will inform the President's Committee on Commencement (PCC) of the requested stole design. The PCC needs to review and approve the stole to be worn, which is then subject to approval by the University President. The RSO must be in good standing with the University at the time of the Commencement Ceremony. The stole design and intent must align with the Mission, Vision and Non-Discrimination Statement of the University. Students may wear only one stole per ceremony.

~~Kente stoles also are approved ornamentation. Additional ornamentation must receive prior approval of the President's Committee on Commencement.~~

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