

ACADEMIC REGALIA

The academic regalia worn today at the University of West Florida originated in the universities of the Middle Ages when a warm gown and hood were useful for scholar and cleric in unheated buildings. The distinctive gown also served to set the student apart from his fellow citizens of the community. Until the Civil War, students at most American universities wore caps and gowns daily while in residence. These varied in design until they were standardized in 1894. At that time it was decided that all robes would be black; bachelors' gowns of silk with long closed sleeves; doctors' gowns also carried three velvet bands around each sleeve above the elbow. Hoods, made of the same materials as the gowns, were varied in length with the degree. The lining of the hood indicated the academic discipline in which the degree was earned.

In the recent years several universities have decided to return to a distinctive gown design, particularly in the color of the garment. However, there has been no change in the standard colors that represent the disciplines. At the University of West Florida, each bachelor's degree candidate or graduate wears a *blue and green tassel on the cap* (mortar board). The tassels of master's and specialist's degree candidates and graduates represent the specific degree or discipline achieved. Doctoral degree recipients wear a gold tassel. In addition, baccalaureate graduates who have earned a 3.5 accumulative grade point average or higher are entitled to wear gold honor cords on their gowns.

ACADEMIC HOOD COLORS

The color lining the hood indicates the following:

White	Arts and Humanities
Drab	Business
Crimson	Communication
Midnight Blue	Criminal Justice
Light Blue	Education
Orange	Engineering
Purple	Law
Lemon	Library Science
Pink	Music
Apricot	Nursing
Dark Blue	Philosophy/Political Science
Peacock Blue	Public Administration
Salmon Pink	Public Health
Science Gold	Science
Citron Yellow	Social Work

HONOR SOCIETIES & ORGANIZATIONS

Members of honor societies are identified by the following additions to their regalia:

Alpha Epsilon Delta Pre-professional Health	red/black stole with letters
Alpha Phi Sigma	gold cord/medallion
Alpha Sigma Lambda	pin/ribbon worn on upper left of robe
Army ROTC Cadets	black/gold cord
Artificial Intelligence Research Group	gold stole
Association for Computing Machinery (ACM)	blue stole
Athletic Training	silver cord
Beta Gamma Sigma	blue and gold stole and medallion
CIS-Cybersecurity Program	gold stole
Clinical Laboratory Sciences	purple stole
Delta Sigma Pi	purple and gold stole
Emerge Scholar	royal blue sash
Iota Phi Chapter of Beta Alpha Psi	red and white stole
Iota Tau Alpha Athletic Training Honor Society	red/blue/yellow cord
Kappa Delta Pi	gold and violet honor cord
Kappa Tau Alpha	honor pin
Lambda Epsilon Chi	honor pin
Military Veteran	red, white and blue honor cord
Nursing	white stole with UWF and BSN
Omicron Delta Kappa Circle	light blue/white/black cord
Order of Omega	gold and white honor cord
Pensacola Pledge Scholars	blue/white/green cord
Phi Alpha	gold and blue ribbon with brass medallion
Phi Alpha Theta	blue and red honor cord
Phi Eta Sigma	gold key
Phi Kappa Phi	braided navy and gold cords/or gold stole with navy emblem
Phi Theta Kappa	gold and blue stole
Psi Chi	blue and silver cord
Sigma Tau Delta International English Society	red and black cord
Sigma Theta Tau	lavender and white honor cord
Student Nurses' Association	white honor cord
Upsilon Pi Epsilon (UPE) International Honors Society for the Computing Disciplines	white stole with gold logo/lettering and/or maroon and white honor cord
UWF Speech and Debate Team	navy blue woven with royal blue cord