

# 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:*

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

# HONOR SOCIETIES & ORGANIZATIONS

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

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