

Commencement Regalia Policy



Candidates for degrees must wear gowns appropriate to their degree and earned regalia including hoods, stoles, mortarboard, and braided cords which all must be ordered through the University recognized regalia provider.

Undergraduate Degree Candidates

- Undergraduate degree candidates will wear a Bachelor's degree gown, cap, and tassel.
- Undergraduate degree candidates who will graduate with honors wear gold braided cords, provided to student by the University.
- GLOW Students will wear a gold and purple braided cord, provided to the student by the University.
- Veterans of the United States Military can wear a red, white, and blue braided cord, provided to the student by the University.
- Honor Society degree candidates will wear the permitted "V" Stole, loaned to student for the ceremony, by the University. "V" Stoles must be returned to Student Development.
- Honor society for religious studies and theology, Theta Alpha Kappa, will wear a red braided cord.
- Providence Formation Program Students will wear a gold and emerald braided cord, provided to the student by the University.

International Students

- International students who are degree candidates will be offered the option to have a commemorative stole with their home country flag embroidered on one side, and the University of Providence school seal embroidered on the other side. This order must be placed through the regalia provider. Country flags are not permitted to be worn during the ceremony or while crossing the stage.

Graduate Degree Candidates

- Graduate candidates for Master's degrees wear gowns, cap, tassel, and hoods. The hood is colored to their area of study and provided by the University, which is worn around their necks and down their backs.
- Veterans of the United States Military can wear a red, white, and blue braided cord, which is provided to the student by the University.
- Graduate Candidates who have earned "With Distinction" will wear a gold braided cord, which is provided to the student by the University.

Mortarboard Decorations- Candidates may personalize their mortarboard but under the following provisions: No derogatory, indecent, profane images or words are allowed on mortarboards. Anything deemed offensive will not be tolerated and candidates will be asked to remove their mortarboard.

Stoles and cords other than the aforementioned will not be allowed. All other adornments and ornamentation including pins, flowers, necklaces, flags, brooches, etc. will not be allowed. Graduates will be asked to remove any adornments that have not been approved prior to entering the arena floor.

Exemptions

The University of Providence understands that we have a proud and diverse population of students. If you wish to wear an adornment other than the aforementioned for cultural/heritage purposes, please feel free to come to the Registrar's Office to have your request approved. We want to respect your culture and allow you to represent yourself on this momentous occasion!

All adornments must be approved by the University Commencement Committee at least 30 days prior to the graduation ceremony. Letters or emails requesting approval should be sent to registrar@uprovidence.edu.