Information about Commencement Apparel

Commencement is a university ceremony which recognizes academic achievement. Academic apparel is required for the University of Wisconsin-Platteville graduation ceremony. NOTE: Official attire is ordered through the university bookstore. Academic attire from third party providers may vary in quality, style, and color.

At UW-Platteville, both undergraduate and graduate students wear black robes and black mortarboard caps. All undergraduate students wear a tassel that identifies their academic field of study (see listing below). Graduate students receiving a Masters degree wear a black tassel on the left side of the mortarboard. Undergraduates wear their tassels on the right side of the mortarboard. It is suggested that students choose shoes and other articles of visible apparel that will harmonize with their academic gowns.

Undergraduate Honors

Only honors bestowed by the University are included in the program and recognized during the ceremony. Undergraduate students who have completed 48 or more credits at UW-Platteville and who have earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 or higher wear gold honor cords. The honor cords are provided by the Office of the Registrar to eligible students. Undergraduate students whose cumulative grade point average is between 3.50 and 3.74 graduate Magna Cum Laude while undergraduate students whose cumulative grade point average is between 3.75 and 4.00 graduate Summa Cum Laude.

International study

Undergraduate international students may wear an international flag stole. This stole is white and features the flag of the student’s home country (right side) and the American flag (left side). UW-Platteville undergraduate students who have spent a full semester in an academic program studying in an international location may wear an international sash. This sash features the colors of the flag of the international location where a student has studied. Eligible students purchase these sashes through the University Bookstore.

Student Organizations, Honor organizations or Campus Programs

Students who have qualified for membership in registered student organizations, honor organizations or campus programs (e.g. Office of Multi-Cultural Student Affairs) during their studies at UW-Platteville may wear approved cords, stoles, sashes or pins. Gold cords are reserved for university honors and may not be used for other purposes.

Additional information including an application form for organizations requesting approval for regalia may be found in PioneerLink at https://uwplatt.collegiatelink.net/organization/uwplatteville/availableforms. Applications must be submitted no later than thirty days prior to commencement. A committee will review the request and the applicant will be notified of the decision.

SPECIAL NOTE: Students may wear only one standard size stole/sash. If a student is eligible to wear both cords and a stole/sash, the student may wear both.

Master’s Hood

During the UW-Platteville commencement ceremony students earning masters degrees are “hooded.” Masters degree candidates carry their hoods over their right arms during the processional. The University does not provide the masters’ hoods. Students should purchase the hood at the University Bookstore early in the semester in which they plan to graduate.

Tassel colors

- Brown – Fine Arts
  (Art & Theatre)
- Crimson – Media Studies
- Drab (Tan) – Accounting,
  Business Administration,
  Computer Science,
  Industrial Technology Management
- Gold – Chemistry, General
  Science, Geography, Physics
- Light Blue – Education
- Maize – Agriculture, Biology,
  Reclamation, Environment and
  Conservation
- Navy – Criminal Justice,
  Forensic Investigation
- Orange – Engineering
- Pink – Music
- Royal – Philosophy
- Russet - Sustainable and
  Renewable Energy Systems
- Sage – Physical Education
- White – English, Foreign
  Language, History, International
  Studies, Mathematics, Political
  Science, Psychology, Social
  Science
- Black – Master's programs