

## Information about Commencement Apparel

Commencement is a university ceremony which recognizes academic achievement. Academic apparel is required for the UW-Platteville graduation ceremony.

At UWP, 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 also wear a tassel. Graduate students may choose to wear a tassel that identifies their undergraduate or their graduate academic field of study OR they may choose to wear a black tassel. All undergraduates and graduates wear their tassels on the left 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 acknowledged and represented at Commencement.

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 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). The international flag stole is provided, as a gift, by the International Student Club.

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 at an approximate cost of \$40.

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

### Master's Hood

During the UWP commencement ceremony students earning masters' degrees are 'hooded.' Masters' students carry their masters' 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. Approximate cost is \$25.

### Tassel colors

The color designations, by academic program, are as follows:

- Brown – Art & Theater
- Copper – Economics
- Drab (Tan) – Accounting, Business Administration, Communication Technologies, Computer Science, Industrial Technology Management
- Gold – Chemistry, General Science, Geography, Physics
- Light Blue – Elementary Education
- Maize – Agriculture, Biology, Reclamation, Environment and Conservation
- Orange – Engineering
- Pink – Music
- Royal – Philosophy
- Sage – Physical Education
- Silver Gray – Speech
- White – Criminal Justice, English, Foreign Language, History, International Studies, Mathematics, Political Science, Psychology
- Black – Masters' graduates may choose to wear a black tassel