

Helpful hints for your commencement apparel

Mortarboards (cap)

Properly worn with shorter point of crown to the front and mortarboard parallel to the ground. Men remove mortarboard during prayer, flag presentation, and National Anthem. Women should not remove their caps during the services. A speaker may remove the cap during an oration if so desired. This, however, is optional. Bobby pins may be helpful to secure mortarboard.

Tassel

Will be worn on the left side of the mortarboard. The tassel should not be shifted from one side to the other when the diploma is received. The entire graduating class will be asked to move the tassel at the end of the ceremony.

Gown

Try on your gown ahead of time to check the fit. Gowns should be placed on a hanger to let the packing folds fall out. If pressing is needed, only a MODERATELY WARM IRON SHOULD BE USED AND PRESSED ON THE REVERSE SIDE THROUGH A DAMP CLOTH. A hot iron will ruin the fabric. It is not appropriate to wear jewelry, flowers, or other ornaments on gowns.