

## THE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY AND ACADEMIC REGALIA THE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

The academic commencement ceremony at Texas A&M University-Commerce enjoys a rich tradition and is carried out with solemnity and dignity. All participants are expected to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the occasion and the traditions of academia. In keeping with these traditions and for **safety** reasons, **all** candidates must refrain from any outstanding semblance of celebration as they proceed across the stage such as dancing, jumping, or other disruptive activities.

Please inform your guests in the audience to refrain from making distracting noises (air horns, noisemakers) during this time since candidates proceed across the stage in a rapid order. Such interruption may override the name of the next graduate. Your cooperation in this matter is sincerely appreciated.

### ACADEMIC REGALIA

Graduation regalia includes the cap and gown, as well as other distinguishing hoods, stoles and cords that denote traditions of academic achievement.

**Dress:** To enhance the dignity of the commencement ceremony, degree candidates are required to dress appropriately, particularly for the portions of clothing that are apparent under the academic robes.

Please be aware that students will walk up and down a ramp so appropriate shoes should be worn.

Decorations, Greek letters, initials, or other additions to the academic regalia should not be used. Stoles or cords should be academic in nature and are not otherwise allowed. Candy, flowers, or other decorations are not allowed over the regalia during the ceremony. Nothing should be worn over your regalia except appropriate cords or stoles.

Mortarboard caps should be worn parallel to the ground with the tassel on the left. Decorated Mortarboards **must** be appropriate in nature. They may not have any three dimensional (3D) or other standing decorations or have any hanging decorations from the sides, back or front such as ribbons, flowers or any other hanging items.

Students will be required to remove any thing not appropriate for the ceremony. Failure to comply could result in dismissal from participating in the ceremony.

Robes and caps appropriate to the degree earned may be purchased through the University bookstore. Academic tradition has prescribed robes particular to the level of degree earned: Bachelor's, Master's, or Doctoral. Bookstore personnel will assist degree candidates in selecting and ordering appropriate regalia.

<b>Bachelor's degree:</b>	Black
<b>Graduate Degrees:</b>	<b>Hood color:</b>
Master of Science	Gold
Master of Education	Blue
Master of Business Administration	Drab (Light Brown)
Master of Social Work	Citron
Master of Art	White

Master of Music

Master of Fine Arts

Specialist in School Psychology

Pink

Dark Brown

White