

Michigan Tech Cap and Gown Policies









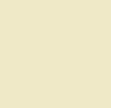
All participants must be in appropriate University regalia.

Associate's Degree

Associate's Degree candidates wear a solid black cap and gown. The gown has pointed sleeves and does not hang down. The caps come in one size fits most with an elastic back. The tassel is also black.

Bachelor's Degree

Bachelor's Degree candidates wear a solid black cap and gown. The gown has pointed sleeves and does not hang down. The caps come in one size fits most with an elastic back. The tassel colors are based on the academic degree, which is set by the Intercollegiate Commission, and are as follows:

								
(white)	(drab)	(copper)	(orange)	(brown)	(russet)	(sage green)	(gold yellow)	(cream)
Arts, Letters, Humanities	Commerce, Accountancy, Business	Economics	Engineering	Fine Arts	Forestry	Physical Education	Science	Social Science

Master's Degree

Master's Degree candidates wear a solid black cap and gown and a hood. The gown has an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist, whose base hangs down in the traditional manner. The rear part of its oblong shape is square cut, and the front part has an arc cut away. The caps are sized based on traditional hat sizes ranging from 6 ½ to 8. The hood length is 3 ½ feet and is lined in the school colors of silver and gold. There is velvet trim on the front that is 3 inches wide and is either orange for Master of Engineering degrees, russet for Master of Forestry degrees, or golden yellow for Master of Science degrees. The tassel color matches the velvet.

PhD Degree

PhD Degree candidates wear a solid black cap and gown and a hood. The gown is faced down the front with black velvet and three bars of velvet are used across the bell-shaped sleeves. The caps are sized based on traditional hat sizes ranging from 6 ½ to 8. The hood length is 4 feet and is lined in the school colors of silver and gold. There is velvet trim on the front that is 5 inches wide. In the case of the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree, which is the only doctor-level degree issued by Michigan Tech, the dark blue color velvet is used to represent the mastery of the discipline of learning and scholarship in any field that is attested to by the awarding of this degree and is not intended to represent the field of philosophy. The tassel is also dark blue.

Faculty Participants

Faculty members participating in the commencement ceremony wear regalia based on the school they received their degree from. Normally, everything would be the same as listed under the degree above. The main difference will be the hood lining color. This will be the colors of the school they received their degree from. The other difference can be in the velvet color of the hood. If the faculty member has a Doctoral Degree, not a PhD, the velvet color will be based on the academic degree, similar to the bachelor's tassels. Faculty owning their own garb may have different attire.

Cords

Honor cords are issued to undergraduate degree candidates based on student's GPA as determined by the University. The Campus Store will have a list of eligible candidates and the cords will be available upon pickup of regalia.

Student organizations recognized by the University will be allowed, as a group, to wear a cord or stole in the color of their choosing, with prior approval. Each organization should purchase the cord/stole for all members walking, and not for individual recognition. (All or none.) After receiving approval, these items may be ordered through the Campus Store and will be listed in the ceremony program. Please plan to have approval obtained and cords ordered at least 3 weeks before the ceremony. If ordered later than 6 weeks prior to the ceremony, shipping charges will apply. Each organization will be responsible for purchasing, distributing, and collecting afterward (if desired) the cords/stoles.

For any questions regarding Michigan Tech specific policies:
www.commencement.mtu.edu or (906)487-2465.

For more information on general guidelines you can visit these sites:

American Council On Education: www.acenet.edu

Herff Jones Company: www.herffjones.com