Michigan Tech Cap and Gown Policy

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:

Art, Letters, Humanities

Business, Accountancy

Arts, Economics

Commerce, Engineering

Fine, Forestry

Arts, Physical Education

Science, Social Science

(white) (drab) (copper) (orange) (brown) (russet) (sage green) (gold yellow) (cream)

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 one size fits most with an elastic back. 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 a golden yellow for all masters degrees. The tassel color is gold.

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 one size fits most with an elastic back. 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.

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. Approval should be granted by the Student Affairs and Advancement Office. Each organization should purchase the cord/stole for all members walking, and not for individual recognition. After receiving approval, these items must be ordered by the organization. Please plan to have approval obtained and cords ordered at least three weeks before the ceremony. Each organization will be responsible for purchasing, distributing, and collecting afterward (if desired) the cords/stoles.

For any questions regarding the ceremony, please visit www.mtu.edu/commencement.

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

American Council On Education: www.acenet.edu

Herff Jones Company: www.herffjones.com