

## The Etiquette of Wearing Regalia for SCS Degree Candidates: What to do

### Gowns:

All of our gowns are black. **Dark shoes and clothing** should be worn to harmonize with it.

Please keep your gown hanging on the hanger to prevent excessive wrinkling prior to the ceremony. If you do press your gown, please use low heat and use extreme caution. **Do not** use a hot iron. Steaming works best.

Do not pin jewelry to the gown.

Zip it all the way up to the neck.

Men will be more comfortable **not** wearing a suit jacket under the gown.

For Masters and Doctoral gowns, be sure to have your hands through the armhole at the end of the sleeve.

### Headgear:

Wear the mortar board (cap) with the point between the eyes and level it so that it is parallel to the ground. The front of the cap is labeled on the inside of it.

Doctoral candidates wear the six-pointed tam centered on the top of the head.

Men: Please follow the lead of the President during the ceremony with regard to removing your headgear. If he removes it, then you do so as well. Always remove your headgear during prayer.

Women: Always leave your headgear on your head. You do not remove it at any time.

### Tassels:

Tassels attach to the button on the top of the headgear.

**All AACM & BABS** degree candidates wear the tassel on the **right** side of the headgear.

There will be a time in the commencement service where the AACM and BABS candidates will turn their tassels to the left. All will move the tassel from the right to the left at the same time.

All other graduate-level degree candidates wear the tassel on the **left** side of the headgear.

### Hoods:

**All Masters and Doctoral degree candidates will carry their hoods in with them, draped over their left arm, as they process into the Worship Center.** When your name is called, you walk up the steps to the platform, with the hood draped over your left arm. When you stand in front of the Dean hand him/her the hood (except for Behavioral Sciences students where you will hand your hood to the Dean's Professor Assistant. Your Dean will "hood" you as follows: Once on the platform, you will turn your back to your Dean. You may want to bend at the knees so that the Dean can put the hood over your head/headgear. The hood will drape down your back and the front fabric point should be centered under your chin.

If you are receiving two degrees from the Graduate Bible Division (MACM, MABS, M.Div.) you will be hooded with one scarlet velvet hood given at each trip to the platform. You will carry up one hood at a time. Follow the directions above with each trip to the platform. You will wear the two hoods simultaneously.

The PsyD degree candidates will be hooded with a light blue doctoral hood, following the above directions.  
The DMin degree candidates will be hooded with a scarlet doctoral hood, following the above directions.

### Diploma Covers:

You will receive a padded diploma cover for each degree that you have earned at each trip to the platform. Your real diplomas will not be in the diploma cover. We will mail them out (if you have completed requirements) after the festivities.