

Academic Attire for Commencement

If you are planning to participate in the Commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 19, 2012 at Kleinhans Music Hall, and even if you are not sure at this time if you will be able to participate, it is very important that you place an order for attire. **A CAP and GOWN ARE REQUIRED to be worn by all participants.** You will not be charged if you cancel an order. However, there is the *possibility* you will be charged a **\$5.00 late fee if you order after MARCH 1, 2012.**

ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 2012, in the **BOOKSTORE** so that you will be guaranteed to have your academic attire. Orders may be placed by using the link on the Registrar's page, by phone, or in person. Payment is made when you pick up your package before Commencement in May.

We are excited to announce that all caps and gowns are made in the USA from 100% post-consumer plastic bottles, making the attire a sustainable choice!

Caps are elasticized and one-size-fits-all. The mortarboard is traditionally worn in a horizontal position, not perched vertically on the back of one's head. The tassel is worn over the **right** side of the hat before the degree is conferred, and moved to the **left** during the ceremony. Gowns are to be eight to ten inches from the floor while wearing shoes. Please note this when you are placing your order. We will add inches to your height if necessary to ensure the correct length. The hood is carried over your arm until you have walked across the stage at Commencement. Explicit instructions will be given to you at rehearsal.

The colors inside the hood are blue and white to represent the college. The velvet trim on the hood signifies the degree: **gold** for the Sciences, **white** for the Liberal Arts, **dark brown** for the Fine Arts and **teal** for Doctor of Physical Therapy. If you are getting a dual degree, the Science degree takes precedence over the Liberal Arts or Fine Arts degree.

The Bookstore has a selection of diploma frames and other gifts available for purchase. The Balfour/ArtCarved class ring representative will be in the Bookstore Mid **February 2012**. Rings ordered at that time should be shipped before graduation.

The Bookstore will be open **8-11am** the morning of Commencement for last minute purchases. Bookstore staff will be present as well at Kleinhans with a small selection of flowers and gifts available for purchase before and during the ceremony.

PRICES FOR ACADEMIC ATTIRE PURCHASES FOR THE 2012 COMMENCEMENT ARE AS FOLLOWS:

BACHELORS	Complete (gown, hood, cap & tassel)	\$66.00
MASTERS	Complete (gown, hood, cap & tassel)	\$69.00
DOCTORATE	Complete (gown, hood, cap & tassel)	\$83.00

Any questions concerning Commencement attire or announcements should be directed to the Bookstore, 716.839.8245. Thank you and CONGRATULATIONS!