



**POLICY WITH RESPECT TO ACADEMIC REGALIA**

<b>POLICY NUMBER:</b>	2018-14-POL-AS
<b>TITLE OF POLICY:</b>	Policy on Academic Regalia
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<b>PURPOSE OF POLICY:</b>	To provide the standards by which students will dress for Commencement at the University of The Bahamas
<b>SUPERCEEDS:</b>	
<b>REVISION NUMBER:</b>	
<b>ACCOUNTABILITY:</b>	Office of the Provost
<b>RELATED POLICY:</b>	

**1.0 Preamble**

At University of The Bahamas Commencement traditional academic regalia will be worn by all graduating seniors and faculty in commencement ceremonies.

**2.0 Scope**

This policy outlines the regulations and guidelines that govern academic regalia at the University of The Bahamas, which is required of all participants. It presents the process for approvals for stoles.

**3.0 Associate Degree Candidates**

3.1 Candidates for associate’s degrees wear the appropriate black graduation gown and mortar board (cap). Black shoes must be worn. Tassels, in the university’s royal blue and white, are worn on the mortar board. The tassel is worn on the right side of the mortar board. Following conferral of the degree, the tassel is placed on the left side of the mortar board. The colours on the academic hood indicate the degree to be conferred.

**4.0 Bachelor Degree Candidates**

4.1 Candidates for bachelor’s degrees wear the appropriate graduation gown and mortar board (cap). Black shoes must be worn. Tassels, in the university’s royal blue and white, are worn on the mortar board. The tassel is worn on the right side

of the mortar board. Following conferral of the degree, the tassel is placed on the left side of the mortar board. The colours on the academic hood indicate the degree to be conferred.

## **5.0 Master Degree Candidates**

5.1 Candidates for master's degrees wear the appropriate graduation gown and mortar board (cap). Black shoes must be worn. Tassels, in the university's royal blue and white, are worn on the mortar board. The tassel is worn on the right side of the mortar board. Following conferral of the degree, the tassel is placed on the left side of the mortar board. The colours on the academic hood indicate the degree to be conferred.

## **6.0 Doctoral Degree Candidates**

6.1 Candidates for doctoral degrees wear the official University regalia of royal blue and white robe, royal blue tam and the UB hood. Black shoes must be worn. Graduates carry their hoods to the stage during the Commencement ceremony. The hoods are placed on the graduate while on stage.

## **7.0 Academic Honour Cords**

7.1 Graduating seniors who are receiving honours are issued an academic honour cord supplied by the Office of Academic Affairs. Honour cords are issued for students receiving a degree with Distinction (3.5-4.0 GPA).

7.1.1 The honour cord for Distinction is gold.

## **8.0 Stoles**

8.1 Stoles may be worn by graduating seniors who have participated in academic programs, degrees, honour societies, and student organizations approved by the Office of the Registrar, Provost or Student Affairs.

8.2 In cases where graduating seniors are members of more than one organisation or society, they may wear only one stole.

## **9.0 Additional Notes**

9.1 The decoration of mortar boards is not allowed.

9.2 If you wear a head dress/scarf for religious reasons, a black scarf should be worn.

9.3 No other alterations to the academic regalia are allowed. Students not in compliance with the requirements of this policy will be asked to remove any unapproved regalia or adornments.