Dear Graduate School Student

As in the past, the Cap and Gown Agency is making arrangements to provide academic apparel for those who plan to participate in University Commencement exercises on Monday, May 23.

Retainable regalia, as opposed to rental regalia, will be available to all students. Caps, gowns, and hoods, therefore, will be yours to keep and need not be returned at the end of the day. Retainable gowns are made of 100% post-consumer recycled plastic bottles, using “GreenWeaver” technology developed by Oak Hall Industries of Salem, Virginia.

Students receiving graduate degrees are expected to wear a hood representing both the institution granting the degree and the degree granted. Fees for hoods and gowns are listed on the next page, as is a guide to Yale academic regalia.

Orders may be placed online at website www.yale.edu/sis using a credit card or student account. (Select ”Commencement” from the main menu, then ”Order Cap and Gown,” and follow instructions.) Orders may also be mailed to the address below or dropped off at the office of Associated Student Agencies, 246 Church Street, lower level, between 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM. Cash, money orders, and personal checks will be accepted at 246 Church Street, as well as MasterCard, Visa, and charges to Yale student accounts. Please do not send cash with mailed orders.

To avoid late fees, orders must be received or postmarked by 4 PM on Friday, April 1. Orders received after 4 PM on April 1 through Friday, April 15, will be subject to a late fee of $10.00. No orders, including those placed online, will be processed after April 15; and no refunds on cancellations will be issued after that date. (Note: the deadline for billing to student accounts, available to students who currently have charging privileges, is April 1.)

Attire may be picked up May 19 to 23 at Payne Whitney Gymnasium Pool Amphitheater, located to the left of the main entrance, during the hours listed below. Please bring current Yale I.D.

Thursday, May 19 11 AM to 6 PM
Friday, May 20 12 PM to 4 PM
Saturday, May 21 12 PM to 4 PM
Sunday, May 22 8 AM to 11 AM
Monday, May 23 8 AM to 10 AM

If you are unable to pick up your attire at the times listed, please make arrangements for someone else to pick it up for you. The person picking up your attire must present a Yale I.D. or other valid identification, as well as a signed note from you authorizing pick-up.

A limited number of black gowns and Yale hoods will be available during distribution hours at Payne Whitney Gymnasium on a first-come basis for students who miss the April 15 deadline. A $5.00 shipping charge, in addition to the $10.00 late fee, will be added to the cost of regalia, and only cash will be accepted. Degree-specific hoods and gowns, however, can be guaranteed only with orders received by April 15.

Please note that all retainable robes are black and that retainable gowns and hoods are intended for relatively limited use. Degree candidates who wish to purchase custom Yale regalia (i.e., “Yale blue” doctoral or master’s gown, faille hood, doctoral tam or cap) may order directly from the Custom Department of Oak Hall Industries, 800 223-0429. Order forms may also be downloaded from the Commencement website. Please note that ”Yale blue” gowns are not available through the student Cap and Gown Agency.

If you have questions or problems, please visit website www.yale.edu/capandgown or contact Cap and Gown Agency managers Brian R. Hogan, brian.hogan@yale.edu, or Benjamin E. Lerude, benjamin.lerude@yale.edu.

Thank you,
Yale Cap and Gown Agency

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Yale Cap and Gown Agency  
Associated Student Agencies  
P.O. Box 202135  
New Haven, CT 06520-2135  
(203) 432-1888

Campus address:  
246 Church Street  
Lower Level  

Web address:  
www.yale.edu/capandgown
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Order Form

Academic Apparel Provided by Cap and Gown Agency

Bachelor of Arts (b.a.) cap, black bachelor gown
Bachelor of Science (b.s.) cap, black bachelor gown
Master of Architecture (m.arch.) cap, black doctor gown, blue-violet master hood
Master of Environmental Design (m.ed.) cap, black master gown, blue-violet master hood
Master of Fine Arts (m.f.a., art) cap, black master gown, brown master hood
Master of Arts in Religion (m.a.r.) cap, black master gown, scarlet master hood
Master of Divinity (m.div.) cap, black doctor gown, scarlet master hood
Master of Sacred Theology (s.t.m.) cap, black doctor gown, scarlet master hood
Certificate in Drama cap, black master gown, brown master hood
Master of Fine Arts (m.f.a., drama) cap, black doctor gown, brown master hood
Doctor of Fine Arts (d.f.a., drama) cap, black doctor gown, brown doctor hood
Master of Forestry (m.f.) cap, black master gown, russet master hood
Master of Forest Science (m.f.s.) cap, black master gown, russet master hood
Master of Environmental Management (m.e.m.) cap, black master gown, russet master hood
Master of Environmental Science (m.e.s.c.) cap, black master gown, russet master hood
Doctor of Forestry and Environmental Studies (d.f.e.s.) cap, black doctor gown, russet doctor hood
Master of Arts (m.a.) cap, black master gown, white master hood
Master of Science (m.s.) cap, black master gown, gold-yellow master hood
Master of Engineering (m.eng.) cap, black master gown, orange master hood
Master of Philosophy (m.phil.) cap, black master gown, dark blue master hood
Doctor of Philosophy (ph.d.) cap, black doctor gown, dark blue doctor hood
Master of Studies in Law (m.s.l.) cap, black master gown, purple master hood
Juris Doctor (j.d.) cap, black doctor gown, purple master hood
Master of Laws (l.l.m.) cap, black doctor gown, purple master hood
Doctor of the Science of Law (s.d.l.) cap, black doctor gown, purple doctor hood
Master of Business Administration (m.b.a.) cap, black master gown, sapphire blue master hood
Master of Advanced Management (m.a.m.) cap, black master gown, sapphire blue master hood
Master of Medical Science (m.m.s.c.) cap, black master gown, green master hood
Master of Health Science (m.h.s.) cap, black master gown, green master hood
Master of Public Health (m.p.h.) cap, black master gown, salmon pink master hood
Doctor of Public Health (d.p.h.) cap, black doctor gown, salmon pink doctor hood
Doctor of Medicine (m.d.) cap, black doctor gown, green doctor hood
Certificate in Global Medicine cap, black doctor gown, green doctor hood
Certificate in Performance cap, black master gown, pink master hood
Artist Diploma cap, black master gown, pink master hood
Master of Music (m.m.) cap, black master gown, pink master hood
Master of Musical Arts (m.m.a.) cap, black doctor gown, pink master hood
Doctor of Musical Arts (d.m.a.) cap, black doctor gown, pink doctor hood
Certificate in Nursing cap, black master gown, apricot master hood
Certificate in Performance cap, black master gown, apricot master hood
Post Master’s Certificate in Nursing cap, black master gown, apricot master hood
Master of Science in Nursing (m.s.n.) cap, black master gown, apricot master hood
Doctor of Nursing Practice (d.n.p.) cap, black doctor gown, apricot doctor hood

Graduate School

Online orders are accepted on website www.yale.edu/sis through April 15. Completed order forms with payment may also be sent to the Cap and Gown Agency, P.O. Box 202135, New Haven, CT 06520-2135. Campus location: Associated Student Agencies, 246 Church Street, lower level.

Students receiving graduate degrees are expected to wear a hood representing both the institution granting the degree and the degree granted. (See "Guide to Yale University Academic Regalia" on following page.) Please list the full title of your degree in the space below. Cap size is not necessary; one size fits all.

Name

Last
First
Middle initial

Address

Telephone

☐ Master’s degree candidate ☐ Doctoral degree candidate

Degree

Name of school

Items ordered

☐ Master’s hood @ $25.00 ☐ Doctoral hood @ $28.00
☐ Master’s gown and cap @ $35.00 ☐ Doctoral gown and cap @ $39.00
☐ Late fee, if applicable, $10.00

Height with shoes, in inches
Weight, pounds

Form of payment

☐ Check or money order payable to “Yale Cap and Gown Agency”
☐ Cash
☐ MasterCard ☐ Visa
☐ Student account

Credit card number

Expiration date

Signature

Student account number

To access, visit www.yale.edu/sis. Click on "Monthly Statement."
The following academic attire may be worn on appropriate occasions by holders of degrees from Yale University. When blue material is used, it must be the shade known as “Yale blue,” preserved in the Office of the Secretary of Yale University. “Yale blue” gowns and hoods may not be made without having the color and style approved by the University Secretary.

Yale University Degree Colors
Liberal Arts (B.A., M.A.)—white
Science (B.S., M.S.)—gold-yellow
Architecture—blue-violet
Art and Drama—brown
Divinity—scarlet
Forestry—russet
Law—purple
Management—sapphire blue
Medicine—green
Music—pink
Nursing—apricot
Public Health—salmon pink
Engineering—orange

The color for Doctor of Philosophy and Master of Philosophy degrees, regardless of department, is dark blue.

Hoods
Material—the same as that of the gown
Color—black, lined with “Yale blue” material; anterior edge trim is color of degree
Length—three feet long for bachelor’s degree, three and one-half feet long for master’s degree, four feet long with side panels for doctor’s degree
Trim—anterior edge bound in velvet two, three, or five inches wide representing, respectively, bachelor’s, master’s or doctor’s degree

Caps
The cap for all degrees is a mortarboard of black cloth. The tassel is either black or degree color. The doctor’s tassel may be of gold thread or gold metal. In use, the tassel remains on the left side.

Gowns
Please note that “Yale blue” custom gowns are available for purchase only, 800 223-0429. All rented and retainable gowns provided by the Cap and Gown Agency are black.

Bachelor’s degree—black, untrimmed, with open, pointed sleeves
Master’s degree—black or blue, untrimmed, with oblong sleeves open at wrist
Doctor’s degree—black or blue with velvet facing, bell sleeves, three velvet bars on each sleeve. If the gown is black, the facing and bars are usually black, but may be the degree color. If the gown is blue, the facing and bars must be black.

Use of Doctoral Gowns
Ph.D., M.D., D.F.A. (drama), D.M.A., or D.R.P.H.—black or “Yale blue” doctor’s gown with appropriate doctor’s hood. Cap tassel may be gold or degree color.
J.S.D.—black or “Yale blue” doctor’s gown with appropriate doctor’s hood. Cap tassel may be gold or purple. Recipients who took their prior professional degree at an institution other than Yale may wear a black doctor’s gown or a gown suitable to that institution.
J.L.M., S.T.M.—black or “Yale blue” doctor’s gown with appropriate master’s hood. Cap tassel may be black or degree color. Recipients who took their prior professional degree at an institution other than Yale may wear a black doctor’s gown or a gown suitable to that institution.
M.A.R.C.H., M.Div., M.F.A. (drama), M.M.A., J.D.—black or “Yale blue” doctor’s gown with appropriate master’s hood. Cap tassel may be black or degree color.