Dear Professional 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 21.

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 April 1. Orders received after 4 PM on April 1 through April 13, will be subject to a late fee of $10.00. No orders, including those placed online, will be processed after April 13; 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 17 to 21 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.

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 13 deadline. A $5.00 shipping charge, in addition to the $10.00 late fee, will be added to the cost of regalia. MasterCard and Visa will be accepted along with cash payments. Degree-specific hoods and gowns, however, can be guaranteed only with orders received by April 13.

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 asa.yale.edu or contact Cap and Gown Agency managers Matthew Coetzee, matthew.coetzee@yale.edu, or Edward Stolarski, edward.stolarski@yale.edu.

Thank you,
Yale Cap and Gown Agency

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246 Church Street
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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.E.D.) cap, black master gown, blue-violet master hood
Master of Fine Arts (M.F.A., M.F.A.) 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
Doctor of Forestry and Environmental Studies (D.F.E.S.) cap, black master gown, russet master hood
Master of Forest Science (M.F.S.) cap, black master gown, russet master hood
Master of Fine Arts (M.F.A., Music) cap, black master gown, brown master hood
Master of Musical Arts (M.M.A., Music) cap, black master gown, brown master hood
Master of Music (M.M.) cap, black master gown, brown master hood
Certificate in Music cap, black master gown, brown master hood
Artist Diploma cap, black master gown, pink master hood
Master of Music (M.M., Music) cap, black master gown, pink master hood
Master of Sacred Theology (S.T.B.) cap, black doctor gown, pink master hood
Doctor of Sacred Theology (S.T.D.) cap, black doctor gown, pink doctor hood
Certificate in Sacred Theology cap, black doctor gown, pink doctor hood
Certificate in Biblical Studies cap, black doctor gown, pink master hood
Certificate in Ministry cap, black doctor gown, pink master hood

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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, as well as the school from which it is granted (i.e., Master of Fine Arts, Yale School of Drama). 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 @ $29.00
Master's gown and cap @ $34.00
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.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.
- L.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.arch., m.div., m.f.a. (drama), j.d.—black or “Yale blue” doctor’s gown with appropriate master’s hood. Cap tassel may be black or degree color.