



## Commencement Honor Cords and Stoles

At the University of Richmond, we hold all of our graduates in high esteem and recognize their achievements at Commencement, a ceremony at which we celebrate the unity of the body of undergraduates and honor their academic achievements. In addition to the traditional cap and gown regalia worn at this event, students are entitled to wear honor cords and stoles to signify achievement through college organizations or association with international groups or programs. Graduation stoles and honor cords must be in keeping with the decorum of the event and within the following guidelines:

- **Honor Cords** - An Honor Cord is a token consisting of twisted cords with tassels on either end. Their wearing signifies specific academic achievement or membership in a recognized academic honor group or society. More than one cord may be worn at the same time.
- **Graduation Stoles** - A graduation stole is a decorative vestment worn by students who are members of college organizations for the purpose of recognizing academic achievement or association with an international group or program. A stole takes the form of a cloth scarf-like garment worn over the shoulders adorned with the colors of the organization or country of affiliation. Students may wear only one stole.

If you or your organization is interested in wearing either honor cords or graduation stoles, please submit your request in writing to the Commencement Coordinator, who will present the request to the Commencement Academic Subcommittee.