



<b>Policy Title:</b>	Commencement/Honor Stoles, Cords, and Medallions
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## SUMMARY:

This policy outlines those students eligible to wear University honor stoles, cords, and medallions at commencement.

## POLICY:

### I. ACADEMIC HONOR STOLES

For commencement exercises, graduates who have earned academic honors (cum laude, magna cum laude or summa cum laude), as validated by the Registrar’s Office, are eligible to purchase an academic honor stole.

The academic honor stole is a white satin honor stole bearing the University seal on one side and Latin academic honors in script on the other side. Both the seal and script are custom embroidered.

#### A. Eligibility

To be eligible to wear an academic honor stole for commencement, a student must have:

1. Earned a minimum 3.50 GPA, as calculated at the beginning of the semester of their graduation.
2. Completed at least 60 hours of college coursework at CCU.

The student must also be graduating with a bachelor’s degree. Graduate students are not eligible for Latin academic honors.

#### B. Latin academic honors are determined as follows:

- Summa cum laude: GPA of 3.95 and higher
- Magna cum laude: GPA of 3.75-3.949
- Cum laude: GPA of 3.5-3.749

#### C. Actual graduation with academic honors is calculated after the final semester’s grades have been received and certified. The final calculation of GPA will determine the academic honor indicated on the diploma and official transcript.

D. Students who are members of the following programs may also be eligible to receive an honor stole:

- Honors Program
- Wall Fellows
- Jackson Scholars
- Swain Scholars
- Dyer Fellows
- Teaching Fellows

## II. HONORS CONVOCATION MEDALLIONS

Honors Convocation Medallions are distributed by the Office of the Provost at Honors Convocation. Students who receive a medallion are encouraged to wear their medallion(s) at commencement to signify their academic achievements.

## III. NON-ACADEMIC STOLES AND CORDS

- A. Veteran or service member stoles are distributed by the Office of Military and Veteran Services to students who are veterans or service members in the U.S. military. They may wear the stole that corresponds with their branch of service (Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, or Coast Guard).
- B. Students who are members of nationally recognized honor societies and recognized fraternity and sorority life organizations may wear special stoles or cords bearing the appropriate Greek letters or designated honor insignia.
- C. Students involved in sanctioned programs of the University may be recognized for their commitment and service through recognized service cords and stoles that can be worn at graduation. This may include resident advisors, orientation leaders, etc.
- D. Any department or student organization who wishes to distribute cords/stoles/medallions to eligible students must submit a “Graduation Cords, Medallions, and Stoles Request” on Coastal Connections to obtain approval for these graduation accessories to be worn at commencement. All requests will be reviewed by the Office of Student Life, Special Events, and the Registrar’s Office.