

COMMENCEMENT

Commencement Adornment Policy

Vanderbilt generally abides by the rules of the Intercollegiate Bureau of Academic Costume; however, members of nationally recognized academic Honor Societies may display approved insignias on the standard academic regalia.

All insignias must be pre-approved for display through the Office of Commencement. Request letters for approval of insignia should include the name, address, and telephone number of the National Honor Society, a description of the insignia (including its size), and where it will be worn. Requests should be emailed to: commencement@vanderbilt.edu.

Stipulations:

- Students may not wear more than 3 total adornments
- Adornments are only allowed to be worn around the neck
- Must be awarded to the graduate for academic honors only.
- National Honor Societies or University Departments that award Honors in the discipline are the only approved organizations

Specific items NOT allowed:

- Personal adornments of any kind on cap/tam or gown
- Stoles (except Kente Cloths)
- Pins or brooches
- Flower necklaces
- Cords for any other than a Departmental Honors designation, as noted above

** This policy has been approved by Academic Affairs and the Office of Commencement.*