Frequently Asked Questions

What is regalia?

Undergraduates Your cap, tassel, gown, and stole.
Graduates Your cap, tassel, gown, and hood.
Doctors Your cap (tam or mortarboard), tassel, gown, and hood.

Am I required to wear my stole for Commencement?

The stole identifies graduates by College, so when people see you, they know your academic area. On the days of graduation ceremonies, this has a special benefit for parents, families, and friends, so they can see how the graduates are affiliated within the University. The stole is akin to the hoods that graduate students wear; it is a way in which undergraduates can be distinctive in their regalia. Most undergraduates wear stoles in their ceremonies. However, if you do not have a stole, you will be permitted to walk without one.

Can I wear my high school cap and gown?

If your cap and gown are black, you can wear it. You will still need a tassel and stole representing your College or School.

When I took my gown out of the bag, it was wrinkled. Can I iron it?

DO NOT IRON YOUR GOWN! It is made of very delicate material and will melt. Take the gown out of the bag and steam it or let it hang. The wrinkles will fall out after a few days.

Can I use my rebate to purchase graduation regalia?

Yes. You can use your rebate to purchase regalia, invitations, diploma frames, or any other graduation supplies.

Do I have to go to Co-op Main on Guadalupe?

You may shop online at www.universitycoop.com, or you may visit one of the following stores:

Graduation Department in the Co-op Outlet
2304 Guadalupe St.
Austin, TX 78705
800-255-1896 option 7

Co-op East
2902 Medical Arts
Austin, TX 78705
512-472-615