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ACADEMIC ATTIRE

The colorful attire worn by graduates, faculty, trustees and officers of the University has historic roots in the distant medieval past. Dressed in cap and gown, the graduates and their professors are part of a long tradition that dates back to Paris and Bologna, Italy, to Oxford and Cambridge, England, in the days of their Catholic glory.

The exact origins of several parts of the academic garb are a bit of a mystery. Because medieval students enjoyed the status of cleric during their university years, one might guess that their attire found its inspiration in the clerical dress of medieval times. The gown seems to be an adaptation of the robe of friar or priest; the hood, of the monk's or friar's cowl; and the mortarboard cap of today recalls the skullcap of days when tonsured heads needed protection against the drafts of medieval classrooms.

Academic attire began to appear on U.S. campuses in the late 1890s. Since that time, its use has become universal for solemn university functions, and its pattern is highly uniform.

THE GOWNS

The gowns are three in number and styling. That of the bachelor is a yoked, closed-front garment with long pointed sleeves; that of the master has sleeves long and closed but slit just above the elbow to allow the forearms to protrude; the gown of the doctor has full, bell-shaped sleeves. Only the doctor's gown is trimmed — with velvet panels down the front and three velvet bars on each sleeve.

THE HOOD

The hood at first seems to have been worn over the head and attached to the gown. When the skullcap was introduced, the hood was retained but detached and worn much as it is today. Each degree (bachelor's, master's, doctoral) has its special hood, which varies in length and, for the doctor, also in pattern. The color or colors lining the hood are those of the college or university that granted the wearer's degree. For example, Saint Louis University is known by blue chevron on a field of white. The colored velvet binding or edging of the hood, in different widths for bachelor, master and doctor, is determined by the field of study.

THE CAP

The cap, or mortarboard, has become the universally accepted style for colleges and universities in the United States. Many European institutions still retain distinctive forms of academic headdress.

THE TASSEL

The tassel is perhaps the most iconic souvenir of academic attire. The doctor, following graduation, has the right to wear a gold tassel on the mortarboard; black, however, is perfectly proper and perhaps more common. A tolerated practice of varying the color of the tassel on the others has gained acceptance: arts, white; science, gold-yellow; philosophy, dark blue; education, light blue; business, drab; nursing, apricot; technology and engineering, orange; hospital administration, salmon; public administration, peacock blue; social work, citron; law, purple; medicine, green; theology, scarlet; and allied health professions, mint green.

ORDER OF EVENTS

PROCESSIONAL

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School for Professional Studies Banner Bearer, Platform Party,
Members of the SPS Faculty, and Graduates of the Class of 2022**

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Craig A. Boyd, Ph.D.

Professor of Philosophy and Humanities

WELCOME AND PRESENTATION OF SPEAKER

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Interim Dean, School for Professional Studies

PRECOMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Helena Castellanos

School for Professional Studies '17

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Interim Associate Dean, Academic Affairs and Director of Analytics

Presentation of Degree Candidates

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Associate Dean, Enrollment Management and Partnerships and Director of Summer-Winter Sessions

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SCHOOL FOR PROFESSIONAL STUDIES' BANNER BEARER

Kyle Crews, Ph.D. *Director, Applied Humanities and President of Faculty Assembly*

The School for Professional Studies' Banner Bearer leads the graduates in the processional by carrying the School's banner.

DEGREES AND HONORS

A degree is awarded for the successful completion of a program of study. The first known academic degree, the doctorate (from the Latin “docere,” to teach), was granted by the University of Bologna in the mid-12th century. Originally the doctor’s and master’s degrees were virtually synonymous, while the title “bachelor” indicated entrance to a course of study rather than its completion. Today, the most prevalent degrees in America are the Bachelor of Arts and the Bachelor of Science.

Latin honors accompany the degrees according to the cumulative average attained by the successful completion of the degree curriculum, as long as the last 54 credit hours were taken at Saint Louis University. Summa cum laude, with Highest Honors, is awarded to students with a cumulative grade point average of 3.9 or higher. Magna cum laude, with High Honors, is awarded to students with a cumulative grade point average of 3.7 or higher. Cum laude, with Honors, is awarded to students with a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher. The appropriate Latin script is embossed on the diploma in recognition of the achievement. Gold chords worn around the neck of a graduate represent the earning of a Latin honor.

Graduation honors for candidates appearing in this book are calculated based on the Grade Point Average at the end of the Fall semester. **University honors** will be officially calculated when final grades have been submitted and the degrees are conferred. *This program is not an official document.*

ALPHA SIGMA LAMBDA*

Induction into this National Honor Society recognizes the achievements of adults who demonstrate academic excellence while facing the competing interests of home and work.

ALPHA SIGMA NU*

Initiation into the National Jesuit Honor Society recognizes students for excellence in scholarship, loyalty and service.

GOLDEN KEY NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Founded in 1977 at Georgia State University, Golden Key is a national interdisciplinary academic honors organization established to recognize academic excellence among undergraduate students.

DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE STUDENTS†

A graduate of distinction is a recognition given to School for Professional Studies graduate students who are in the top of their graduating class. These distinguished graduates have grade point averages above 3.95 and excelled in their capstone research projects.

THE GRADUATES

MASTER OF ARTS

DEGREE CANDIDATES

LEADERSHIP AND ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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Kathryn M. Dortch

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Marsalis Sherod

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Darin Kruzich

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Jessie Penson

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Taryn Tegethoff

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magna cum laude

Carlton Thomas

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Ashley Melton
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Riann M. Randant
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Lauren Risner
summa cum laude

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Allison C. Storr

Carlton R. Thomas

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Jack Schwarz
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Sabrina Tierney

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summa cum laude

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summa cum laude

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summa cum laude

Adam Wymer
magna cum laude

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Sara Menke*
summa cum laude

Israel Sumano
magna cum laude

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cum laude

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magna cum laude

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Manuel Reyes
STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE

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magna cum laude

THE GRADUATES

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Philipp Baumann

Victor Berrios

Jeremy Boucher

Daniel Brodhead

Nolan Brown

James Bruce

Seth Clark

Matthew Dierlam

Amber Gallagher

Charles George

Christopher Gill

Scott Hestilow

Dustin Henry

Dylan Hurley

Mark Kellogg

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CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

The School for Professional Studies welcomes you as a new alumna/alumnus of Saint Louis University. Special thanks to all the graduates participating in the ceremony and those family members, friends, faculty and staff in attendance today to honor them. We want to keep you informed about all the exciting things that are happening on campus, in your programs and with our Center for Workforce and Organizational Development, so please follow us on social media.



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