



## USC Beaufort Commencement Regalia, Stole & Cord Policy

*This policy outlines regalia, honor stoles and cords at USCB's Commencement ceremony.*

### **POLICY**

Commencement is an official academic ceremony. For commencement exercises at USC Beaufort, degree candidates are limited to a maximum of two (2) stoles to be worn during the commencement ceremony. Students are encouraged to wear stoles that represent areas that had the greatest impact on them during their time at the university.

Stoles may be worn by degree candidates that represent University academic honors, personal experience or identity, involvement with university recognized student organizations, and sanctioned programs of the university. These groups include, but are not limited to: Resident Assistants, Orientation Leaders, Academic Honor Societies, Athletes, Greek Life Organizations, etc. In addition to stoles, degree candidates may also choose to wear cords to signify these recognitions. There is no limit on the number of cords.

Stoles may be purchased through the Shark's Cove Bookstore, National Organizations, or other vendors. Use of any official USCB logo must be approved prior to creation. For the approval process, please contact [graduation@uscb.edu](mailto:graduation@uscb.edu).

Decoration of the mortarboard (cap) is allowed. No decorations may protrude higher than two inches from the cap. Decorations are also not allowed to extend beyond the border of the cap or fall below the perimeter. Decorations may not be electronic in nature and cannot make noise. We encourage that the decorations symbolize a positive representation of your accomplishments as part of the Sand Shark family.

The university reserves the right to request that degree candidates change inappropriate attire before they participate in the commencement ceremony. For questions regarding this policy, please contact [graduation@uscb.edu](mailto:graduation@uscb.edu).

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