Academic Regalia. Students may wear indicia of academic achievement in faculty-approved programs with their academic regalia at law school hooding ceremonies. The faculty has approved the wearing of cords for the following programs: International Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, Business Law certificate program, Health Law certificate program, and Law and Science certificate program.

Academic regalia should be ordered from the Barnes & Noble Bookstore at the Student Union Building. Law students should ask for a doctoral gown, cap and hood. A rental fee and deposit fee is required at the time the order is placed. Following the hooding ceremony, all academic regalia should be returned promptly to the Bookstore. Students who do not return academic regalia will be billed for the full cost by the rental company. Students are advised to protect their academic regalia from theft or damage as the deposit will not cover the cost, which is in excess of $300.

Diplomas. Diplomas are mailed to students after all graduates have been certified as meeting degree requirements. Diplomas are ordered after final grades are received and honors are posted to the student's record. If a student does not complete graduation requirements as originally planned, he or she must file a new Statement of Intention to Graduate.

Graduation Checkout. Although it is not required, students should review their education records with the Law School Registrar prior to their last semester before graduation to verify that they will meet degree requirements. Each student is responsible for knowing the requirements for graduation and must have completed all requirements before the degree can be awarded.

Honors. The following honors are shown on a student's diploma and transcript based on cumulative GPA: Cum Laude 3.200-3.399, Magna Cum Laude 3.400-3.599, Summa Cum Laude 3.600-4.000. The Registrar determines the students who qualify for honors after final grades have been posted and the list of graduates has been certified.

Hooding Ceremony. Hooding ceremonies are held at the end of the fall and spring semesters only. August graduates may participate in the May ceremony preceding their graduation. Other than August graduates, students are not allowed to participate in a Hooding Ceremony earlier than the semester in which they expect to graduate. Students receiving a dual degree are allowed to participate in the Hooding Ceremony only when both degrees have been completed. Any questions concerning the hooding ceremony should be directed to the Assistant Director for Calendar and Special Events.