

Title	Hooding Ceremony Policy
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Hooding Ceremony. The Law School holds hooding ceremonies only at the end of spring semesters. December graduates may participate in the May ceremony following their graduation. August graduates may participate in the May ceremony preceding their expected graduation. Students nearing completion of a dual-degree program are allowed to participate in the hooding ceremony only when the completion of both degrees is expected. Questions concerning hooding ceremonies should be directed to the Office of Student Life.

Academic Regalia. Students should order academic regalia according to the instructions provided by the Law School. Students may wear indicia of achievement or affinity, typically a cord or stole, with their academic regalia at Law School hooding ceremonies. Additionally, all hooding attorneys and professors must wear regalia. If a student chooses a hooding attorney who is not a Texas Tech Law professor, the student will be responsible for ensuring the hooding attorney has appropriate regalia.

Diplomas. Diplomas are provided 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 student records. The completion of a concentration program will not be noted on the student's diploma.

Diploma Reorder Policy. Law students may order unlimited copies of their diploma documents, in the diploma format (including signatures of the president, dean, etc.) available at the time of their orders. Orders may be submitted to the law school Registrar and will be subject to appropriate fee(s). Diplomas will be issued only in the official names on record for the students. All diploma orders will contain a statement of “duplicate” or “reissued” with the date of the order. Students must clear any financial or transcript holds on their records before their orders will be processed.

Graduation Requirements. Students are responsible for reviewing the Law School Graduation Requirements policy and their education records prior to their last semester before graduation to verify that they will meet degree requirements. Each student must complete all requirements before the degree can be awarded. Students can review their degree to completion at any point by accessing the degree audit website.

Graduation Honors. The following honors are shown on a student's diploma and transcript based on cumulative GPA: Cum Laude 3.450-3.649, Magna Cum Laude 3.650-3.799, Summa Cum Laude 3.800-4.000. The Registrar determines the students who qualify for honors after final grades have been posted and the list of graduates has been certified.