



The Department of Secondary Education

Hooding Ceremony

Thursday, May 21, 2009

Noski Auditorium

Refreshments begin at 3:45

What is the Hooding Ceremony?

The Hooding Ceremony is a special event presented by the Department of Secondary Education for Master's degree candidates during which a faculty member places the Master's hood over the head of the graduate, recognizing his or her success in completing the graduate program. The ceremony is similar to a graduation in that faculty and students are dressed in academic attire. The Hooding Ceremony is in addition to, and does not replace, the College of Education Graduation Exercises. The Graduate Degree Hooding Ceremony will be held until approximately 5:45 p.m. and precedes the College of Education's Commencement Ceremony that begins at 6:30 p.m.

Who performs the hooding?

Each Master's degree candidate is asked to invite a faculty member to conduct the hooding. The faculty member may be the candidate's advisor or another faculty member of the candidate's choice.

What occurs during the ceremony?

During the ceremony, the Chair of the department and a graduating M.A. candidate will make brief remarks. Students will then be called forward by program option. Students will go to the stage with the advisor or faculty member who will hood them, and the hooding will take place.

Who is invited to attend?

This ceremony is a special honor for graduating Master's degree students, who may invite their friends and family.

Eligibility

The Department of Secondary Education Masters degree candidates who are eligible for graduation during Fall 2008, Spring 2009, or Summer 2009, are eligible to participate in this special Hooding Ceremony.

Optional participation

Although it is optional, participation in this special ceremony adds to the graduation experience by making it possible for faculty, staff, family, and friends to witness the formal hooding of Secondary Education candidates.

Participation Requirements

Your Commencement invitation includes a postcard that requests that you indicate which

faculty member you would like to perform your Hooding Ceremony.

1. Complete and mail the postcard to the Dean's Office by May 8, 2009. This postcard serves as your R.S.V.P. If you do not plan to participate in the Hooding Ceremony, it is important that you indicate so in your reply.
2. Make sure your chosen faculty member is planning to attend the Hooding Ceremony.

Please Note: *The Hooding Ceremony does not replace the Commencement Ceremony. Graduate students who attend the Hooding Ceremony are expected to stay for the Commencement Ceremony in order to walk and have degrees conferred. If you choose to do so, you may decide to participate in only the Commencement Ceremony.*

On the Day of the Hooding Ceremony

1. Wear the appropriate cap and gown. Bring the hood for the ceremony.
2. Arrive 30 minutes before the Hooding Ceremony to allow for parking.
3. After the Hooding Ceremony, candidates will process as a group to the line-up area for the College graduation which will begin at 6:30 p.m. on the Oviatt Library lawn.

Guest Information

The postcard/R.S.V.P. also asks you to *estimate* how many of your guests will likely be attending (including yourself). Each graduate is allowed three to five guests in attendance. Tickets will NOT be required and seats may NOT be reserved. If you did not receive your invitation and R.S.V.P. in the mail, please call Della in the Dean's Office at (818) 677-2590.

Cap & Gown

Please contact the bookstore at (818) 677-2932 if you have questions about obtaining your regalia. **Note:** If you did not submit your Application for Master's Degree and Diploma, your name may not appear on the bookstore's list of students who are eligible to order regalia from the bookstore. Please contact Graduate Studies at (818) 677-4800 if you have any questions or difficulties in this regard.

Weather

Please note that the average temperature for Northridge in the month of May is in the 80s but can be higher. We would like to remind you and your guests to bring sunglasses and water as well as to dress in layers since these ceremonies are held outdoors. Also, please note that seating is available on a first come, first served basis and cannot be guaranteed for all guests.

We recommend that you take a moment to review the student commencement handbook on the following website:
http://www.csun.edu/commencement/pdfs/commencement_handbook_2009.pdf

Academic Regalia

Today's academic dress has its origins in the clerical dress that medieval scholars used for warmth in unheated buildings. The hood that forms part of our current academic dress was originally a head covering for bad weather. Later it was dropped to the shoulders in the form of a small cape. Eventually, the hood became a separate piece of apparel in the form of an elongated scarf draped over the shoulders and displayed down the back with the lining turned inside out. Today, hoods are the most expressive component of the academic costume. They communicate the owner's school, degree, and field of study through length and the colors of the lining and binding. The hood's facing is a colored velvet trimming, denoting the wearer's field of study (Education is sky blue). The width of the velvet trimming designates the level of the degree. The lining of the hood identifies the institution that granted the degree. Red with a white chevron represents CSUN.

