

About the Hooding Ceremony

Date, Time, and Location

The Graduate Degree Hooding Ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 21, 2009 at Manzanita Lawn from 4:00 p.m. until approximately 5:30 p.m. This ceremony will precede the entire College of Education's Commencement Ceremony that will begin on the same day at 6:30 p.m.

Your Eligibility

Educational Leadership and Policy Studies master's degree candidates, who are eligible for graduation during Fall 2008, Spring 2009, or Summer 2009, are eligible to participate in this special, department only, 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 ceremonial hooding of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies candidates in a more intimate setting.

Participation Requirements

Commencement invitations were mailed on April 8, 2009. Your Commencement invitation will include a postcard that requests you indicate which faculty member you would like to perform your Hooding Ceremony.

In order to participate in the Hooding Ceremony, you should:

1. Complete and mail the postcard back to the Dean's Office by May 8, 2009. This postcard will serve 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 take the place of the Commencement Ceremony. Graduate students who attend the Hooding Ceremony are expected to stay for the Commencement Ceremony in order to walk and have their degrees conferred. If you choose to do so, you may decide to participate in the Commencement Ceremony only.*

On the Day of the Hooding Ceremony

In order to participate in the Hooding Ceremony, you should:

1. Wear the appropriate cap, gown, and hood (aka "regalia")
See below for ordering information.
2. Arrive 60 minutes before the Hooding Ceremony to allow for parking and signing-in.

3. After the Hooding Ceremony, candidates will be directed to the line up for the Commencement Ceremony, which will begin at 6:30 p.m. on the Oviatt Library lawn.

Guest Information

The postcard/R.S.V.P. will also ask 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 do 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 Ordering Options

Order by Mail

You may order regalia and have it shipped to you by using the attached order form. *Please disregard the pre-order deadline at the bottom of the order form.*

Order in Person

You can also visit the bookstore between May 5, 2009 and May 13, 2009 to rent regalia on-hand (although ordering before this date is strongly advised due to the limited number of rental sizes). Please contact the bookstore at (818) 677-2932 if you have any further questions.

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.

Other Important Details

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 serve basis and cannot be guaranteed for all guests.

We recommend that you take a moment to review the student commencement handbook and the ceremonies map on the following websites:

http://www.csun.edu/commencement/pdfs/commencement_handbook_2009.pdf

http://www.csun.edu/commencement/images/map_ceremonies.gif