

*California State University Northridge*  
*Michael D. Eisner College of Education*  
*Department of Educational Psychology and Counseling*

*Cordially invites you*

*To*  
*Educational Psychology and Counseling*

*Master of Arts or Science*

*Hooding Ceremony*

*Thursday, May 23, 2013*

*Manzanita Hall Lawn*

*Hooding Reception 4:00-4:30 pm*  
*Graduate Student Seating 4:30-4:45 pm*  
*Hooding Ceremony 4:45-5:30 pm*  
*Informal Time for Photos 5:30-6:00 pm*

*Commencement Ceremony will begin at 6:30 pm*  
*on the Oviatt Lawn*

## The Hooding Ceremony Frequently Asked Questions

### What is the Hooding Ceremony?

The Hooding Ceremony is a special recognition ceremony by the Department of Educational Psychology and Counseling for Masters degree candidates during which a faculty advisor places the masters hood over the head of the graduate, signifying 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, which occur right after the Hooding Ceremony.

### Who is invited to attend?

This ceremony is tailored as a special honor for graduating Masters degree students, who may invite their friends and family.

### Who performs the hooding?

Each Masters 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 will make brief remarks and then will call students up by program. Students will go to the stage with the advisor or faculty member who will hood them, and the hooding will take place.

### 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 serve to communicate the owner's school, degree, and field of study through their length and the colors of the lining and binding. The hood's facing is colored velvet trimming, which denotes the wearer's field of study (e.g., Education is light blue, also counseling). The width of the velvet trimming designates the level of the degree, e.g., Masters. The lining of the hood identifies the institution that granted the degree. In our case, red with a white chevron are the school colors for CSUN.