

**SECTION: 5. STUDENTS**

**SUBJECT: APPROVED HONOR CORDS/ GRADUATION REGALIA**

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**Background:** The purpose of this policy is to clarify regalia and honors cords approved for use by students during commencement activities

**Point of Contact:** Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs

**Other LCSC offices directly involved with implementation of this policy, or significantly affected by the policy:** Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs, Registrar

**Date of approval by LCSC authority:** January 30, 2018

**Date of State Board Approval:** N/A

**Date of Most Recent Review:** 01/2018

**Summary of Major Changes incorporated in this revision to the policy:** Added military dress uniform as acceptable for commencement ceremony.

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1. Commencement is a formal academic event. Graduates must be properly attired in approved academic regalia in order to participate in commencement activities.
  - A. Academic regalia: Commonly called cap and gown, academic regalia includes a mortarboard (cap), black gown, and tassel. The stole is included for baccalaureate degree candidates.
  - B. Tassel: The tassel is worn on the right side of the mortarboard (cap) prior to the degree being conferred.
  - C. Honor cords, worn around the neck and hanging down the front of the gown, identify students who are graduating with honors. The cords are provided by Lewis-Clark State College and are worn on this one occasion only. Only the cords and stoles listed below are appropriate for commencement at Lewis-Clark State College.
  - D. Approved honors cords/stoles/ tassels:
    - 1) President's honors (blue /white; Professional-Technical honors, 3.75 GPA)
    - 2) Cum Laude (silver; with distinction, 3.70 GPA)
    - 3) Magna Cum Laude (gold; with great distinction, 3.8 GPA)

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- 4) Summa Cum Laude (silver & gold; with highest distinction, 3.9 GPA)
- 5) College-sanctioned honor societies and organizations:
  - a. Teacher Education: Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society recognizes teacher candidates who have earned a grade point average of 3.5 or higher, demonstrated high academic ideals, and have made significant contributions to the education profession (green and purple cords).
  - b. Social Work: Phi Alpha Honor Society recognizes pledged members with a grade point average of 3.25 or higher (silver medallion).
  - c. Psychology: Psi Chi Honor Society recognizes declared psychology majors who have earned a GPA that is in the top 35% of their class or a 3.3 GPA, with an average 3.0 GPA for psychology courses (silver medallion).
  - d. Ambassador Honor Society: recognizes the academic achievements of members with a GPA of 3.0 or higher and their service contributions (gold tassel).
  - e. Military and Veteran Honor Cords: LCSC honors those who serve or have honorably served in the U.S. Armed Forces. Graduates wear red, white, and blue honor cords.
- E. Military service men and women may wear a military service dress uniform.
- F. Cords, stoles, or medallions beyond those listed in this policy are not to be worn during commencement exercises.
- G. Small pins which demonstrate affiliation with other instructional programs or campus groups and organizations may be worn on the stole or the gown.