

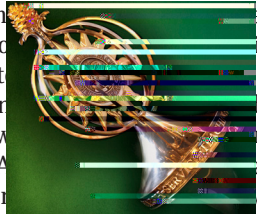
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# THE SYMBOLS OF LEARNING

**THE GOWN** — The gown has become symbolic of the democracy of scholarship, for it completely covers any dress of rank or social standing. The sleeves of the gown indicate the level of the degree held by the wearer. A long, pointed sleeve indicates the bachelor's degree. The master's gown has an oblong sleeve cut in an arc, with a slit at either the upper arm or wrist. The USF doctor's gown has bell-shaped sleeves and three black bars on the sleeve. The doctoral robe also has the seal of the university on the velvet facing.

**THE CAP** — The freed slave in ancient Rome won the privilege of wearing a cap, and so the academic cap is a sign of the freedom of scholarship and the responsibility and dignity with which scholarship endows the wearer. Old poetry records the mace is a ceremonial staff similar to those used by many institutions of higher learning to show the right to grant degrees to graduates. The mace is used during all Commencement ceremonies and is carried by the President of the Faculty Senate. Our mace includes a gold pine cone at its top to represent growth

eight silver semicircles, which support the pine cone, at colleges in existence at USF when the mace was 1998. When the mace is displayed in the President's ceremonial mace is on



academic life as we know it today began in the Middle Ages — first in the church, then in the Faculty of Arts, and the Bachelor was the apprentice of the Master. Their dress was the outward visible manifestation — in color, pattern and design — that unified those of common purpose. In the 19th century, universities set rules of academic dress. American universities established a code of approved attire. In 1932, the American Council on Education revised this code, and the principal features of academic dress today are three: the gown, the cap and the hood.

of the color appropriate for the degree. At USF, the lining of the hood is green with a gold chevron, representing the university's colors.

**THE COLORS** — In regalia, academic disciplines are noted by color. These colors can be found on undergraduate and master's tassels and on master's and doctoral hoods on the velvet edging.

- Apricot — College of Nursing
- Blue (light) — College of Education
- Brown — College of Fine Arts
- Citron — Social Work
- Drab — Muma College of Business
- Kelly Green — Morsani College of Medicine