

Convocation

Friday, December 19, 2025

5:00 PM



**College of Agricultural,
Consumer &
Environmental Sciences**

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

Academic Dress

Academic dress, consisting of cap, gown, and hood, originated about the twelfth century, and was worn primarily for warmth. Subsequently, the material of the gown and the lining, and shape of the hood, represented the economic, social, and academic status of the wearer.

In the United States, the great majority of the academic costumes now worn are in accordance with the general provisions of the Intercollegiate Code of 1895, which was revised in 1932 and again in 1960. Under this code, the bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves, the master's gown has oblong sleeves with an arc at the bottom, and the doctor's gown has bell-shaped sleeves. Black is the traditional color for gowns, although at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, academic dress has been designed specifically for the Institution: blue gowns with orange accents and blue mortarboards.

The bachelor's and master's gowns are untrimmed. The doctor's gown is faced down the front with velvet and has three bars of velvet across the sleeves. The facing and bars may be black or blue, as is the case at Illinois, or may be the color of the subject to which the degree pertains. The bachelor's gown is worn closed; the master's and doctor's gowns may be worn open or closed.

The bachelor's hood is 3 feet in length; the master's, 3 1/2 feet; and the doctor's, 4 feet. Hoods are lined with the official color or colors of the college or university conferring the degree. At Illinois, the lining is orange and blue. The colored velvet border of the hood, which is 2 inches, 3 inches, and 5 inches wide for the bachelor's, master's, and doctor's degree, respectively, identifies the faculty or field of study to which the degree pertains.

The mortarboard cap is standard in the United States. Usually, all tassels are black, but where the bachelor's graduates do not wear hoods, as at Illinois, the color of the cap tassel indicates the department of study. Candidates for degrees wear tassels on the right front quadrant of their caps and move them to the left front quadrant after degrees are conferred. Caps are considered a part of the costume and are customarily removed only during an invocation or benediction, and then by men only. The orange and blue braided cords worn from the left shoulder by bachelor's graduates signify University Honors.

The Jewel of Office worn by the President was presented to the University of Illinois Alumni Association. It is emblematic of the Office of the President and is worn at all formal academic ceremonies. On the gold collar, also worn by the President, are engraved the names of the Presidents of the University and their years of service. For all academic purposes, including trimmings of doctor's gown, edging of hoods, tassels of caps, and linings of banners, the colors associated with the different disciplines are indicated below.

ACES - Maize

Applied Health Sciences - Sage Green

Architecture - Blue-Velvet

Business - Drab

Education - Light Blue

Engineering - Orange

Fine & Applied Arts - Brown

Labor & Employment Relations - Drab

Law - Purple

Liberal Arts & Sciences - White

Library Science - Lemon

Media - Crimson

Philosophy - Dark Blue

Social Work - Citron

Veterinary Medicine - Gray

* The tassel is worn on the right-front quadrant until the degree is conferred.

Food Science and Human Nutrition

Bachelor of Science in Food Science and Human Nutrition | Dietetics and Nutrition | Hospitality Management | Nutrition and Health

Brianne Janay Allen
Isabel En Yu Chao
Arela Faibisoff
Ellice Fernandez
Emily Fox
Samantha Carol Golemba
Gina Hsu
Amelia Hutchinson
Esha Karwal
Kate Li
Adam Michael Pillischafsk
Izabela Rodriguez Beltran
Alex Ruiz
Tiffany Saxinger
Mariah Danielle Scott
Brian Tseng
Stefania Waight
Anna Zlatic

Master of Science in Food Science | Human Nutrition | Clinical and Community Nutrition | Food Science

Abdullah Bin Murayshid
Sophia Brooks
David Castillo Estrada
Meghann D'Anna
Madeline Joy Fenili
Wenqing Gao
Michael Steven Hampton
Katherine Hunter
Erin Kealey
Socorra Amelia Kinney
Lin Li
Mariel Molina Castro
Pina Sciortino
Delaina Sigman
Bryan Silness

Jacqueline Soegiantoro
Sangavi Subramani
Sarah Beth Summers
Rollie Kalanga Tusevo
Praharshita Valluru
Manuel Jesus Velasco Hernandez
Kevin Wang
Tiffanie West
Yang Haile

Doctor of Philosophy in Food Science | Human Nutrition

Christine Atkinson
Jennifer Kusumah
Jiaxuan Li
Yash Shah

Nutritional Sciences

Master of Science in Nutritional Sciences

Carlie Mettler
Kassandra Sandoval
Colin Xiao

Doctor of Philosophy in Nutritional Sciences

Jessica Paola Acosta Medellin
Hanchu Dai
Mikaela Kasperek
Shu Kwan

Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences

Bachelor of Science in Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences

Dzenan Begic
Diego Andres Brophy
Kiara Venice Frausto
Benjamin Lee Gosa
Noah David Herman
Wardell Jones IV
Kelsey Koch
Patrick Janusz Kostrzewa

Ethan Ross Lambert
Finch Rathbun
Ellen Schonken

Master of Science in Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences

Joshua Angell
Becky Blankenship
Wes Bollinger
Holly Coates
Ron Collman
Wade Fjelstad
Josie Hoppenworth
Justin Lombardo
Gracie Moreno
Zipora Otieno
Manuela Quijano Hoyos
Olivia Reves
Bianca Saftoiu
Sonia Tomczyk
Amy Lorraine Weckle

Doctor of Philosophy in Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences

Devin Edmonds
Ziyi Li
Dylan O'Hearn
Qu Zhou

Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communications

Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communications

Mike Bruner
Kyle Eathington
Connor Fryman
Sean Gray
Timothy "TJ" Griffin Jr.
Jersey Hesse
Rylie Whitaker

Master of Science in Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communications

Nicole Mendenhall
Angela Miller
Abichal Poudel
Christopher Stewart
Alyson Young

Sustainability in Food and Environmental Systems

Bachelor of Science in Food and Environmental Systems

Drew Martin

Agricultural and Biological Engineering

Bachelor of Science in Technical Systems Management | Engineering Technology & Management of Agricultural Systems

Luke Anderson
Elizabeth Arias Angel
Robert Astorga
Deven Jordan Battle
Matthew Chow
Arya Dalal
Christ Goncalves
Mario Griffith
Nikola Radovlade Grozdic
Jack Morgan Janosz
Ausar Muhammad
Nana Osei-Tutu
Alexander Sebastian Riley
Mathieu Romanet
Baseet Salam
Parker Schoeff
Ivan Shilov

**Master of Science in Engineering
Technology & Management of Agricultural
Systems | Bioprocessing and Bioenergy**

Ivan Diaz
Danielle Jung
Owen Jason Kandume
James Hurley Oberg
Oscar Perez
Revanth Pulamolu
Ryan Steve Rociles
Ian Sherer
Ryan Xavier Sivertson

Crop Sciences

**Bachelor of Science in Crop Sciences |
Computer Science + Crop Sciences | Plant
Biotechnology | Agronomy**

Delaney Marie Kamradt
Laney Marie Moore
Anvit Nidadavolu
Matt Pappageorge
Grace Ann Pfeiffer
Jordan Taylor Reimer
Joe Schmid
Sarah Jacqueline Shoaff
Fay Siringoringo
Mason August Vonder Haar

**Master of Science in Crop Sciences |
Bioinformatics**

Iris Chow
Destini Coleman
Gabriela Frigo Fernandes
Karuna Kafle
Dresden Lambert
Iris Lee
Blake Link
Sahil Redhu Sahil
Javier Taracena Aldana
Ben Tremain
Evette Heda Vlach

Doctor of Philosophy in Crop Sciences

Lucas Berger Munaro
Milcah Kigoni
Mae Antoinette Mercado
Sarah Rhodes Richards
Robert Twohey

Animal Sciences

Bachelor of Science in Animal Sciences

Vianca Aguirre
Ben Altendorf
Nathalie Guadalupe Andrade
Jessica Andreu
Eden Block-Glickman
Jennifer Brown
Sydney Bui
Claudia Castro
Grace Elizabeth Coffey
Micah Mae Davis
Fernando Delgado
Bryanna Lynn Delgado
Riehle Ferguson
Matt Galvan
Laura Gilmore
Emily Griffin
Kenzie Hamer
Audrey Heiserman
Gyueun Kim
Ethan Marvel
Erick Daniel Osorio
Sam Padal
Genevieve Paulsen
Adrian Pelaez
Kadence Perry
Isabella Petkus
Kaley Ann Purcell
Ambrosia Redmon
Nayeli Resendiz
Sarah Rush
Erica Tsang
Bailey Yvette Watson
Gabriella Wendland
Morgan Kaylene Wiegardt
Renae Wittmayer
Angeles Zamorano

Graduate Certificate in Dairy Nutrition for Udder Success

Paul Southam

Master of Science in Animal Sciences | Bioinformatics

Samantha Beckfield
Elizabeth Renae Brinkman
Edgar Caballero Vargas
Shikun Dai
Elizabeth Fisher
Joao Godoy Takashe
Erin Hanson
Diana Hernandez Gomez
Emma M. O'Dowd
Matt Manning
Juan Carlos Valencia Beltran
Ken Wilson

Doctor of Philosophy in Animal Sciences

Kelli Brost
Andrea Gomez
Meghan Lynn Pister

Human Development and Family Studies

Bachelor of Science in Human Development and Family Studies

Carmina Atienza
Jenny David
Elena Escobedo
Tiffany Gordon
Prestyn Guenther
Chanel Hughes
Anabelle Jasso
Faythe Jones
Maya Moutry
Michelle Owusu
Alex Ramirez
Jazmin Rivera
Iskra Nikolaeva Shtereva
Emily Catherine Skovran

Doctor of Philosophy in Human Development and Family Studies

Tani Adeniba
Virnaliz Jimenez
Sehyun Ju

Agricultural and Consumer Economics

Bachelor of Science in Agricultural and Consumer Economics

Tiara Yasmine Abraham
Zach Allegretti
Avery Anderson
Rajee Bey-Moore
Siyuan Cai
Hayden Carbine
Meng Chen
Evan Clark
Ben Clawson
Annakate Blythe Coffey
Alan Crean
Radosław Piotr Czeszejko-Sochacki
Tristan Datoc
Teri Lynn Dillard
Warren Esgar
Daniel Favela
Bartosz Gosciminski
Jared Jackson
Dylan James Kissner
Justin Koblich
Josie LaPlant
Jesus Leon
Grant Matern
Kyle Mayotte
Meagan Mercado
Matthew Orta
Sathwik Pochampally
Serena Popatia
Nathaniel Purnama
Bryce Ranchero
Vanica Sanon
Ammar Sattar
Nate Scranton
Aldiyar Talgatbek

Noah Treat
Colton White
Patrick Kennedy Wiemers
Junzheng Wu
Richard Yeom
Lin Zhang

Graduate Certificate in Agribusiness and Sustainable Food Economics

Thomas Brown
Whitney Keirl
Rachel Rosentreter
Greg Schroeder
Kevin Weltzin
Alyson Young

Master of Science in Agricultural and Applied Economics

Shae Cilento
Kayla Garcia
Patrick Kennedy Wiemers

Doctor of Philosophy in Agricultural and Applied Economics

Maria Gerveni
Chungmann Kim
Eric Larson
Yifan Peng
Yoko Yamasaki
Na Zhang

**This program contains an unofficial list of candidates for graduation in the summer and fall terms.*

**December 2025
ACES James Scholars**

Arela Faibisoff
Samantha Carol Golemba
Iskra Nikolaeva Shtereva
Bailey Yvette Watson
Anna Zlatic

2025 ACES Jonathan Baldwin Turner Scholars

Kyle Eathington
Iskra Nikolaeva Shtereva



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