



What Do the Colors Mean?

Many **graduation stoles** use school colors to brighten up the black of graduation gowns. For instance, a school whose colors are red and gold might opt for custom graduation stoles of red satin with gold embroidery.

However, over the years, an entire tradition of colors has grown and expanded to reflect different fields of studies, and many schools opt for this more multi-hued approach instead. The colors, of course, come into play again for students being hooded with advanced degrees, where colored hoods indicate both the alma mater and the field of study.

While there's slight variation in the colors used, especially when it comes to newer fields of studies, you can expect to see these colors signify majors in these fields of study.



Humanities (White)

Traditionally represents degrees in the arts and humanities.



Business (Drab or Beige)

Represents business degrees, including accounting and labor relations.



Agriculture (Maize)

This corn-colored yellow is especially for agriculture grads.



Medical Doctor

(Green)

Medical Doctors graduate with hoods of bright kelly green.



Education (Light blue)

This shade is reserved for those with education degrees of all sorts.



Dental MD (Lilac)

Dentists want to stand apart from their MD friends, so they wear lilac instead of green.



Engineering (Orange)

All fields of engineering wear orange stoles or hoods at graduation.



Law (Purple or Scarlet)

Traditionally, scarlet was the province of law school graduates.



Economics (Copper)

Economics sets itself off with stoles and robes the color of a penny.



Fine Arts (Brown)

The vast field of fine arts is denoted by brown, including theater arts and visual arts.



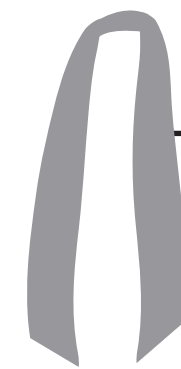
Linguistics (Silver)

Speech and linguistics studies on the one hand, and chiropractic schools on the other.



Journalism (Crimson)

Used exclusively by journalism schools.



Veterinary (Gray)

Veterinary science graduates wear gray.



Forestry (Russet)

Forestry and environmental science majors wear this color that blends right in the forest.



Library Science

(Lemon yellow)

This very pale yellow indicates a library science major.



The Sciences

(Golden yellow)

Science majors, including physics, chemistry, and practical sciences such as criminology.



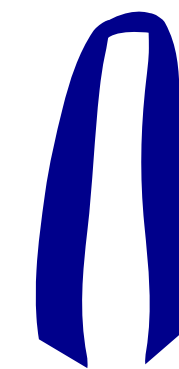
Social Work (Citron)

This citrusy yellow is reserved for majors in social work and related fields.



Music (Pink)

It's not surprising that music majors get to stand out from the crowd.



Philosophy (Dark blue)

Political science and philosophy majors get to wear this dark, serious color.

