



Mortar Boards

Please take into consideration the following if you decide to decorate your graduation cap.

It is appropriate to adorn it with:

- Your graduation year
- An expression of “thanks” to family, a teacher, a friend
- A symbol of the branch of the military you belong to or may be joining
- Acknowledgment of an institution where you plan to continue your studies
- A logo or shield of your Greek social or honorary affiliation
- Your country’s flag
- A symbol or message highlighting your major or student organization affiliation

It is not appropriate to adorn it with:

- Advertisements, symbols, abbreviations, initials, words, slogans or pictures that refer to drugs or controlled substances, tobacco, alcohol or weapons or are of a sexual nature
- Symbols that denote an affiliation with gangs or advocate drug use, violence, illegal activity, or disruptive behavior detrimental to the safety and welfare of others
- Messages that are obscene, profane, vulgar or lewd, or threaten the safety and welfare of any person
- Numbers other than the graduation year or athletic affiliation

Please note the following:

- Only the flat, top area of the cap may be decorated.
- Decorations must be flat on the surface of the cap. Three-dimensional creations and lighting are prohibited.
- Graduation caps will be reviewed and approved before the ceremony. Please ensure that your cap is adorned as indicated above.
- For questions regarding mortar boards, please contact the Commencement Committee at commencement@ulm.edu.