

Honors Cords and Medallions Updated 3/2018

Graduating with Distinction

Indiana University holds all of its graduates in high esteem, and takes an added measure of pride in those who have excelled academically. Candidates who are graduating with Distinction, High Distinction, and Highest Distinction are entitled to wear on their left shoulders the *fourragère*, cream and crimson cords. In addition, on some campuses, some students are entitled to wear gold medallions indicating they are graduating with honors. The requirements for graduating with honors are different for each school, and honors are awarded by a vote of various faculties. The *fourragère* are provided by the university and become the property of the student.

Honors Cords

Graduates who are members of the nearly 60 nationally recognized honor societies listed below may also wear their societies' **honors cords*** or medallions during Commencement. Cords also are available for purchase directly from the various society headquarters. Cords become the property of the student.

*note "cords," not sash or stole.

Permission to wear cords from an honor society not listed must be requested at least 30 days before Commencement. The request must include detailed descriptions of the organization and the cord or medallion.

Requests should be submitted to University Ceremonies at IU Bloomington, and to the Offices of Alumni Affairs on all other campuses. Campus academic officers will be consulted on all such requests.

Once approved the distinctive items may be worn at all subsequent Commencements.

A

Alpha Chi -- National honor society for juniors and seniors.
<http://www.harding.edu/alphachi/index.html>

Alpha Epsilon Delta – National Health Pre-professional Honor Society.
<http://www.nationalaed.org/>

Alpha Kappa Delta – International Sociology Honor Society. Teal cord. <http://www.alpha-kappa-delta.org/>

Alpha Phi Sigma – National Criminal Justice Honor Society. Blue and gold honor cords.
<http://www.alphaphisigma.org/>

Alpha Psi Omega – national Honorary Theatre Society. Light blue and amber cords.
<http://www.alphapsiomega.org/>

Alpha Sigma Lambda, the national honor society for General Studies (IU East)

B

Beta Alpha Psi -- National Honorary Organization for Financial Information students and Professionals. Black and red honor cords <http://www.bap.org/index.htm>

Beta Beta Beta – National Biological Honor Society. Red and green honor cords. <http://www.tri-beta.org/>

Beta Gamma Sigma – International Honor Society Recognizing Business Excellence. Blue and gold cords. <http://www.betagammasigma.org/>

Beta Phi Mu -- International library and information science honor society. Purple and white cords. <http://www.beta-phi-mu.org/>

C

Chi Alpha Epsilon – National Honor Society. Blue and white honor cords. <http://www.xaehonor.com/default.asp?id=181517>

Chi Sigma Iota -- International Honor Society for Students, Professional Counselors and Counselor Educators. Blue and white cords. <http://www.csi-net.org/>

D

Delta Mu Delta – Honor Society in Business Administration. Purple and gold cords. <http://www.deltamudelta.org/>

E

Eta Sigma Gamma - National Health Education Honor Society. Green and gold cords. <http://www.etasigmagamma.org/>

Eta Sigma Phi - National Honor Society for students of Latin and/or Greek. Purple and gold cords. <http://department.monm.edu/classics/esp/>

G

Gamma Theta Upsilon -- International honor society in Geography. Blue, brown and gold cords. <http://www.achsnatl.org/society.asp?society=gtu>

K

Kappa Delta Pi - Education Honor Society. Purple and green cords. <http://www.kdp.org/>

Kappa Omicron Nu -- Honor Society for Students in the Human Sciences. <http://www.kon.org/>

Kappa Tau Alpha – Honor Society in Journalism and Mass Communication. Colors are light blue and gold. <http://web.missouri.edu/~umcjourktahq/>

L

Lambda Iota Tau -- National Honorary Society for Literature. Gold and purple cords.
<http://www.bsu.edu/english/undergraduate/LIT/>

Lambda Pi Eta - Rhetoric and Communication Studies Honor Society. Gold cords; majors graduating with departmental honors may also wear silver cords.
<http://www.natcom.org/nca/Template2.asp?bid=21>

M

Mortarboard National College Senior Honor Society—Black and gold cords.
<http://www.mortarboard.org/>

Mu Kappa Tau—Honor Society in Marketing. Gold and purple cords.
www.pse.org/home.asp

N

National Society of Leadership and Success (Sigma Alpha Pi)—Black and Silver Cords
www.societyleadership.org

O

Omega Chi Epsilon--National Honor Society for Chemical Engineering. No cords.
<http://www.che.utoledo.edu/oxe/>

Omega Rho -- International Honor Society for Operations Research, Management Science, and Related Areas. No cords. <http://omegarho.informs.org/>

Omicron Delta Epsilon - International Honor Society in Economics. Gold, white and blue cord. <http://www.omicrondeltaepsilon.org/>

Omicron Delta Kappa - National Leadership Honor Society. White, black and blue cords.
<http://www.odk.org/>

Omicron Kappa Upsilon – National Dental Honor Society. Stoles in navy blue with gold trim. <http://www.oku.org/index.htm>

P

Phi Alpha Theta - History Honor Society. Red and blue cords
<http://www.phialphatheta.org/>

Phi Alpha Honor Society – International Social Work honor society. Blue and Gold honors cords. <https://www.phialpha.org/>

Phi Beta Delta - International Scholars Honor Society. Red and yellow ribbon with medallion. <http://www.phibetadelta.org/>

Phi Beta Kappa - National Scholarship Honor Society for Liberal Arts and Sciences. Phi Beta Kappa Key suspended from blue and pink ribbon.
<http://staging.pbk.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Home3>

Phi Eta Sigma - First Year Scholarship and Academic Excellence. Gold and black cords.
<http://www.phietasigma.org/index.html>

Phi Kappa Phi -- All-discipline honor society. <http://www.phikappaphi.org/Web/index.html>

Phi Sigma--Academic Excellence in the Biological Sciences. Green, yellow and white cord.
<http://www.eiu.edu/~phisigma/>

Phi Sigma Iota - International Foreign Language Honor Society. Purple cords.
<http://phisigmaiota.org/>

Phi Sigma Tau - Philosophy Honor Society. Light blue and dark blue cords.
<http://www.achsnatl.org/society.asp?society=pst>

Phi Upsilon Omicron--National Honor Society in Family and Consumer Sciences. No cords.
<http://www.phiu.org/index.htm>

Pi Alpha Alpha -- National Honor Society for Public Affairs and Administration. Blue and gold cords. <http://www.naspaa.org/initiatives/honor.asp>

Pi Delta Phi -- National French Honor Society. No cords.
<http://www.augie.edu/related/pideltaphi/index.html>

Pi Gamma Mu -- International Honor Society in Social Sciences. Purple and white cords.
<http://www.pigammamu.org/index.html>

Pi Kappa Lambda — National Music Honor Society. Gold and white cords.
<http://pikappalambda.capital.edu/>

Pi Lambda Theta - International Honor Society and Professional Association in Education. Gold cords. <http://www.pilambda.org/>

Pi Mu Epsilon - Mathematics Honor Society. Purple and gold cords. <http://www.pme-math.org/>

Pi Omega Pi -- National Business Education Teacher Honor Society.
<http://catpages.nwmissouri.edu/m/oisbe/piomegapi/>

Pi Sigma Alpha - Political Science Honor Society. Medallion on a broad red grosgrain ribbon. <http://www.apsanet.org/~psa/>

Pi Tau Sigma--Mechanical Engineering Honor Society. No cords.
<http://www.pitausigma.net/>

Pi Theta Epsilon--The National Occupational Therapy Honor Society
<http://www.pithetaepsilon.org/index.html>

Psi Chi - Psychology Honor Society. Gold and blue cords. <http://www.psichi.org/>

Sigma Beta Delta -- International Honor Society for Business, Management and Administration. Green and gold cords. <http://www.sigmabetadelta.org/>

Sigma Delta Pi - Hispanic Honor Society. Badge with yellow and red ribbons.
<http://www.sigmadeltapi.org/>

Sigma Gamma Epsilon – The National Honor Society for Earth Sciences. No cords.
<http://www.earth.uni.edu/SGE/>

Sigma Phi Alpha -- National Dental Hygiene Honor Society. White satin stoles.
<http://www.sigmaphialpha.org/index.htm>

Sigma Pi Sigma – National Physics Honor Society. Green and beige cords.
<http://www.sigmapisigma.org/>

Sigma Tau Delta – International English Honor Society. Black and red cords.
<http://www.english.org/>

Sigma Theta Tau -- International Honor Society of Nursing. Purple and white cords.
<http://www.nursingknowledge.org/Portal/Main.aspx?PageID=700>

T

Tau Alpha Pi -- National Honor Society for Engineering Technology.
<http://www.taualphapi.org/>

Theta Alpha Kappa - National Honor Society for Religious Studies and Theology. Red cord.
<http://tak.syr.edu/>

U

Upsilon Pi Epsilon--International Honor Society for the Computing and Information Disciplines. Maroon and white cords. <http://upe.acm.org/index.html>

IU organizations

Cox Scholarship Program -- Red cords with blue/gold tassels