

**CHARLESTON SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR
MANUAL OF ACADEMIC POLICIES & PROCEDURES**

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Academic Honor Society Cords Permitted in Commencement Exercises	R-60	1 of 2	March 27, 2007

Purpose: To support the University's mission and to recognize academic achievement, students inducted into academic honor societies will be allowed to wear the specific honor cord for that academic honor society at commencement, subject to the following policy.

In order to enhance Charleston Southern University's mission of "promoting academic excellence in a Christian environment" and to recognize academic achievement, students inducted into academic honor societies will be allowed to wear the specific honor cord for that academic honor society at commencement. All honor cords must be registered with the Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS) Honor Cord Registry. Faculty advisors for each academic honor society will be responsible for initiating the process within the honor society for student inductees to secure the honor cord. Each academic honor society will establish its own policy relative to procurement and possible cost to the inductee either directly from the inductee or through membership induction fees. No other adornments available from the honor society such as medals, pins or stoles are to be worn at commencement.

Students inducted into more than one honor society or also graduating with honors from the University may wear no more than two honor cords. Acknowledgement of CSU's academic honor societies and the color of the representative honor cords will be included on the Commencement Program. No verbal acknowledgement of the academic honor societies will be done during the commencement ceremony or awarding of diplomas. The Registrar's Office will maintain information on the honor cord for each honor society, such as description and color. The information may be obtained from the website of ACHS (www.achsnatl.org) as well as individual honor society websites which are accessible through the ACHS website. As of January 2007, the honor cord information for each society registered with ACHS is:

Alpha Chi: Honor Gold or Blue and Green

Alpha Kappa Delta: Teal

Alpha Phi Sigma: Blue and Gold

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Psi Chi: Gold with Royal Blue and Gold Tassels

Sigma Delta Pi: Red and Gold

Sigma Beta Delta: Green and Gold

Sigma Tau Delta: Cardinal and Black

Sigma Theta Tau: Orchid and White

This policy only applies to the recognized academic honor societies at Charleston Southern University. New honor societies must apply to the Vice President for Academic Affairs for approval to have their club and colors be added to this policy. This policy does not include academic clubs or service clubs. Members from these clubs will be prohibited from wearing any club recognition or adornments at commencement.

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