

### Which side should the tassel be draped?

For purposes of uniformity and celebration, it has become a tradition for graduating students to enter the ceremony with the tassel on the right side of the cap changing it to the left either at the point they receive the degree, or as a group after all degrees have been awarded. The American Council on Education specifies only that the tassel should be fastened to the middle top of the cap only "...and to lie as it will thereon."<sup>2</sup>

The traditional or "bachelor's style" cut follows the same pattern as the hood for the bachelor's degree, less the velvet trim. The shell is generally black with a lining in the colors and pattern indicative of the institution awarding the degree. Cording or a binding in the degree color edges the hood where the shell meets the lining.



Central Maine Community College uses the Traditional Style for the ceremony.

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