

## Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

### Q. Where do I find graduation information?

- Please check the catalog and academic handbook for your respective school(s).  
<https://catalog.tiu.edu/>

### Q. Is there a handbook for graduates with basic commencement information?

- Your student handbook contains commencement and graduation information.

### Q. How do I order the right regalia?

- Order online with Jostens <https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/1075436/Trinity-International-University/>
  - Jostens has all the TIU degrees and stocks the correlating regalia.
  - There will not be an online charge.

### Q. If I purchase fine quality regalia, may I wear it to the ceremony?

- You may wear fine quality regalia, as long as it corresponds to your degree / program.

### Q. What is the dress code for wearing under the regalia?

- Semi-formal attire.
- No flip flops, backless shoes, tennis shoes, hiking boots, or other inappropriate footwear.

### Q. What is the protocol for hoods if I have multiple degrees?

- Your hoods should be ordered according to each program / major.
- Wear the hood of your choice and carry the other neatly over your arm.

### Q. May I decorate my cap and gown?

- No, personalized regalia is not permitted at commencement.

### Q. May I wear a stole to represent my cultural background?

- **Only student groups** may seek permission to wear a stole with their cultural identity. The stole's design and intent must align with TIU's mission and values.
- Student groups must obtain approval from the Dean of Students and the Commencement Committee.
- Student groups need to propose their stole to the Dean of Students, who will then present their decision to the commencement committee.

### Q. How long does it take to get my diploma?

- For any diploma, there is a 2-3 month processing time from when grades are posted.

### Q. Are we still able to order invitations, graduation announcements, rings, and other graduation merchandise?

- Yes, place your order online with Jostens.

### Q. Is Commencement accessible to people with disabilities?

- Yes. Each student should note on the commencement participation form or notify the Commencement Team ([commencement@tiu.edu](mailto:commencement@tiu.edu)) if they or any of their guests need assistance or special accommodations. We are happy to serve you in any way we can. The Chapel is fully accessible to wheelchair users.