

Commencement info for MPPA graduates

- **All master's candidates, regardless of discipline, line up together according to degree** (*for example – all MPPA graduates line up in one straight line, then all the master of sociology graduates might line up behind the MPPAs, then all the master of government graduates might line up behind them, etc...the order isn't important, the clumping together is*)
- Your MPPA hood will be black with panels of CSUS green and gold and a velvet chevron of "peacock blue" (yes, that is the name of the color for PPA – if you don't believe me, google it). The color of the chevron on the hoods of master's candidates from other disciplines will vary.
- **Do not put the hood on while you are waiting in line. Carry the hood draped over your left arm during the procession. Keep your mortar board tassel to the left and the mortar board parallel to the ground.** There will be a hooding ceremony during commencement exercises. It is similar to the ritual where undergraduates move the tassel on their mortar boards from the right to the left.
- **Avoid talking on the cell phone during the procession.** Graduates who do this trip, stumble, bump into things and people, and end up looking generally silly.
- **Turn off the cell phone (or at least the ring style to silence) during the ceremony.** Please be courteous.
- Take lots of pictures, but please be courteous.
- **Leave your purse, coat, and other valuables with your family and friends.**
- **Stay seated until dismissed. You will be instructed about where to meet your family and friends.**
- **Have fun.**