

# SOUTHERN WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY P O L I C Y

<b>Policy Title:</b> Cap & Gown Protocol at Commencement Services	<b>Policy Number:</b> 10.17
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SWU views commencement as both a celebration and momentous occasion. The University desires graduates and their families to enjoy and celebrate graduation, but also to view graduation as a ceremony of significance and honor. For many students this will be a once-in-a-lifetime event that deserves to be free of unnecessary distraction. Therefore, the following cap and gown protocol will be in effect for all SWU commencement services.

## **I. Policy Statement**

During Southern Wesleyan University commencement services students, faculty, and staff may only wear University approved caps and gowns. Approved caps and gowns are those that are universally accepted within the academic, religious, and SWU traditions.

Participants may not add to or adorn their caps and gowns outside of these parameters.