

# MBA Graduation and Hooding Ceremony 2009

## What is a Hooding Ceremony?

The cornerstone of the graduation celebration for UT MBA students is the hooding ceremony, a separate ceremony held just for the MBA class on the day before the university commencement. This is the special occasion where you will cross the stage and be awarded your graduate “hood” and the day that your class and your accomplishments will be honored. It is a very special time, and **all family and friends are invited**.

## Which Graduation Ceremony Do I Attend?

You **do not need to register** for the University wide graduation ceremony unless you wish to attend both the MBA Hooding on December 11<sup>th</sup> as well as the University Ceremony which is for all graduates of UT.

**No registration** is required to attend the MBA Hooding Ceremony.

## Renting the Hood:

The last day for ordering Hood rentals is **23rd October, 2009**. You need to order it online from Jostens. You can pick-up your order at the UT Bookstore.

You can order your HOOD online at: <http://college.jostens.com/jostens/index.jsp?affiliateId=1041120>

Click on 'GRADUATION ESSENTIALS'

Toward the bottom of the page, click on 'Student B-Arch, Master, and PhD Hoods'

Scroll down to 'Masters Products' and select the 'Masters Hood'

Click on 'Design It' and choose your degree 'Business Administration'

Then click 'Complete' and 'Add to Cart'.

**Note:** The total amount will show as \$0.00, you will pay 221.99 + tax at the Bookstore when you pick-up.

## Buying your Caps, and Gowns:

**You can save 20% discount by purchasing at the Grad Finale on October 20-22.**

You can purchase your **caps, gowns**, rings, announcements, diploma frames, etc. at the **Grad Finale**

Game Day Ring Sale Event	Oct 03, 2009	01:00 pm to 06:00 pm	Bookstore
<b>Grad Finale</b>	Oct 19, 2009	10:00 am to 04:00 pm	Bookstore
	Oct 20, 2009	10:00 am to 02:00 pm	University Ballroom
	Oct 21, 2009	10:00 am to 06:00 pm	University Ballroom
	Oct 22, 2009	10:00 am to 06:00 pm	University Ballroom
	Oct 23, 2009	10:00 am to 04:00 pm	Bookstore

After the Grad Finale, you can buy caps, and gowns at the UT Bookstore for the full-price of \$49.99 + tax.

**Returning the Hood:** Return the hoods at the bookstore after the reception on **December 11<sup>th</sup>**

## **Hooding Ceremony Rehearsal:**

We will be holding a rehearsal on **December 10<sup>th</sup>** from **3:00 to 4:00 pm** at the **COX Auditorium in Alumni Memorial**. You do not need to bring anything with you, but please attend the rehearsal as we will be going over some important details about the ceremony. Dr. Cathey will also read out everyone's names to make sure they are read the way you would like at the actual ceremony.

## **Hooding Ceremony:**

Date: December 11, 2009

Time: 10:00 am – 11:15 am

Location: Alumni Memorial Building- COX Auditorium

**Please make sure you arrive by 8:00 am** since photographers will be taking your graduation pictures before the Hooding Ceremony starts. Once the ceremony starts, our keynote speaker, Chancellor Jimmy Cheek will be giving his speech and the actual Hooding will start soon after.

## **Reception:**

Reception for the graduates and their families/guests will be held immediately after the Hooding Ceremony in the Atrium of the Haslam Business Building.

## **Your Diploma:**

You will NOT be receiving your diploma at the ceremony. Degrees must be approved by the UT Board of Trustees which takes place in mid-December. They will be mailed to your **permanent address in the University system**. Please make sure you notify/update your address in the system.

## **Invitations:**

You can invite anyone you like to your Hooding Ceremony as well as the reception afterward.

**If you have any questions, please contact Nadiah at [nkhalid@utk.edu](mailto:nkhalid@utk.edu)**