

# Hooding Instructions

1. At commencement, you will be asked to approach the stage with other doctoral candidates. At this point, you carry your hood draped over your forearm. You will be accompanied by your dissertation or project committee chair, who will assist the president with your hooding.
2. When you near the stage, change the position of your hood. Place your hands in a prayer position, pointing outward, with the hood resting over your hands. The button loop at the neck will face upward and outward, away from you. The colored silk portion of the hood will face inward, toward you.
3. Once on the stage, you will then proceed toward the middle of the stage, as will your dissertation or project committee chair. The president will take the hood from you. Stand between your dissertation or project committee chair and the president, facing the audience.
4. The president will open the hood, giving one side to the dissertation or project committee chair behind you. Together, they will lift the hood over your head and place it at your collar, draping the length of the hood down your back. (Depending on your height, you may need to stoop slightly.) Smile and enjoy the moment.