DIPLOMAS

The Registrar's Office is responsible for the preparation and delivery of diplomas to the various departments. Students must inform the Registrar's Office by the last day of classes if they plan to receive their diploma from a department that is not their primary major. Diplomas indicate the degree a student is receiving (Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, etc.), but not specific majors and minors.

REGALIA

Graduates participating in Commencement must wear the College-approved regalia. Undergraduate regalia consist of a black robe with a customized green strip on the sleeve, a hood with colors to represent the student's degree, a black mortarboard (cap), and a black tassel.

BUYING REGALIA & OTHER GRADUATION-RELATED ITEMS

The W&M Bookstore is the primary contact for regalia and other graduation-related items. The Bookstore hosts an event called the Grad Finale each year where students may buy their regalia and other graduation merchandise all at one time. The Grad Finale will be held on March 16-17 (10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.) at the Sadler Center. Degree candidates are notified of this event by email. The W&M Bookstore works with Jostens for W&M rings and official graduation announcements. No other company is authorized to use the College's name and logo. Contact the Bookstore at 757-253-4900 x239 with questions.

WHEN TO WEAR REGALIA

Graduating students often have questions about what to wear at different events. Here are the general guidelines:

- **Baccalaureate** - NO academic regalia are worn to the Baccalaureate Service (with the exception of the officers of the Senior Class).
- **Saturday Departmental Receptions** - Students whose programs offer receptions on Saturday should ask their program chairs about what to wear at those events.
- **Alumni Induction Ceremony** - NO academic regalia are worn at the Alumni Induction Ceremony.
- **Candlelight Ceremony** - Caps and gowns (but not hoods) should be worn to the Candlelight Ceremony on Saturday night.
- **Walk Across Campus & Main Ceremony** - Full regalia (caps, gowns and hoods) should be worn for the Walk Across Campus and, of course, at Commencement itself on Sunday. The tassel is worn on the right side of the mortarboard until the degree is awarded. Mortarboards may not have objects (other than the black tassel) or inappropriate messages attached.

FAMILY/GUEST ATTIRE

Family members and guests are encouraged to dress comfortably for the weekend, taking the weather conditions into account. Most guests tend to dress up more (what might be worn to a religious service, for example) for the Baccalaureate Service and Commencement exercises, but there is still a wide range of attire at those events. There are no formal expectations for what guests should wear during the weekend.

*Please be aware that if you are attending Baccalaureate on Saturday or the main ceremony on Sunday, William & Mary Hall can get quite chilly. You may wish to bring a sweater or jacket.*