

PRACTICES OF CORRECT FORM IN THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES

I. Heraldry

I.1 The University Seal

- The Seal in current use at the University was approved by the Board of Regents at its 77th meeting on 25 February 1913.
- It shows an eagle perched with its wings spread on a shield that carries three icons representing fields of specialization in the University, namely, agriculture, engineering and medicine.
- Inscribed on the circular band that surrounds the seal are the words "UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES" on top and the founding year "1908" at the bottom.
- The seal symbolizes what the University aspires for – the highest achievement in the fields of knowledge and commitment to the nation.
- The seal marks the University's legal and public documents, communications, and publications.

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I.1.1 The Mace

- The mace is a heavy staff made of wood and metal and graced by the seal of the University of the Philippines.
- The mace symbolizes the authority of the University President and the Chancellor.
- The University President's mace is carried by the Secretary of the University, who precedes the President during academic processions.

The Chancellor's mace is carried by the University Registrar, who precedes the Chancellor.

- The President's as well as the Chancellor's mace, occupies prominent place during such activities as commencement and investiture ceremonies. Facing the audience, the President's mace is placed at the right side of the stage, while the Chancellor's mace is placed at the left side of the stage.

The President's Mace



I.1.2 The Medallion

- The Regents'/President's Medallion is a replica of the seal of the University of the Philippines. Its chain interconnects smaller replicas of the U.P. seal.
- The Chancellor's Medallion shows a replica of the Oblation at its center.
- The Medallion symbolizes the honor of the University of the Philippines and its tradition of academic excellence.
- The Medallion is worn over the academic gown during such rites as commencement and President's and Chancellor's investiture.