

Ceremonial and Academic Dress Procedure

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Purpose

This procedure prescribes the ceremonial and academic dress worn at the University of Tasmania.

Applicable governance instruments

Instrument	Section	Principles
1.4 Qualifications and Certification Policy	6 Ceremonial and Academic Dress	6.1

Procedure

1. General information

The University encourages the use of ceremonial and academic dress on formal occasions, however, wearing regalia is not compulsory.

The colours of stoles/hoods relevant to specific degrees and disciplines are outlined in Schedules 1 and 2. Typically, one colour is assigned to each College, apart from legacy colours that have been assigned to Faculty, Schools or Disciplines in prior years.

An Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person is entitled to wear a scarf defined in Schedule 3, in addition to the appropriate academic dress specified in Section 3, as a sign of the University's acknowledgement of the traditional owners of the land on which we live and work, and our recognition of their enduring culture.

Proposals outlining the case for the addition of new colours, or changes to the colours listed in Schedules 1 and 2, are brought to the Ceremonial and Honorary Degrees Committee (CHDC) for endorsement to proceed to the University Council for consideration and approval.

Donations of academic dress may be accepted into:

- the University's academic dress supply - if the donated material is assessed as appropriate to enhance or supplement the University's collection for staff use during graduation ceremonies; or
- the University Library's Special & Rare Collections - if assessed as being of sufficient significance, rarity, or relevance to the University.

Donated items that are not in keeping with the University's Special and Rare Collections Collection Policy, duplicate to the collections, in poor condition, or otherwise not required, may be discarded or passed on to another institution without notification to the donor, or returned to the donor at the donor's expense.

2. Ceremonial dress

Ceremonial dress may be worn by members of University Council and senior University officers when attending any of the following occasions:

- ceremonies for the conferral of degrees and awarding of diplomas at the University
- any formal occasion of the University for which the University specifies academic dress
- ceremonies of other institutions at which the wearing of ceremonial dress is appropriate or requested.

Ceremonial dress worn by officers of the University is both gown and cap. Variations of ceremonial dress are based upon the category of officer and are outlined in the table below.

Officer	Gown	Cap
Member of Council	A black gown, trimmed with gold braid and embroidered gold shoulder epaulettes	A black velvet cloth trencher cap with black tassel
Chancellor Deputy Chancellor/s Vice-Chancellor and Deputy Vice-Chancellor/s	A black gown trimmed with gold braid and bands of embroidery: Chancellor - 4 bands Deputy Chancellor/s - 3 bands Vice-Chancellor - 2 bands and Deputy Vice-Chancellor/s - 1 band	Either a black velvet bonnet trimmed with gold cord, or a black velvet trencher cap with gold tassel
Australian Maritime College Chairperson	A black gown with gold trim, and 9 gold bands	A black trencher cap with gold trim and gold tassel
Members of the Australian Maritime College Board	A black gown with gold satin trim	A black trencher cap with gold-coloured trim
Principal of the Australian Maritime College	A black gown with gold trim and 5 gold bands	A black trencher cap with gold trim and gold tassel

See Schedule 4 for embroidery designs.

3. Academic dress

Academic dress may be worn by graduands and graduates of the University when attending any of the following occasions:

- ceremonies for the conferral of degrees and awarding of diplomas at the University
- any formal occasion of the University for which the University specifies academic dress
- ceremonies of other institutions at which the wearing of academic address is appropriate or requested.

Graduands receiving a diploma or certificate who already have a degree should wear the appropriate academic dress for the highest degree they have been awarded from any institution.

Academic dress worn by graduands and graduates of the University is a gown, cap, and stole/hood. The colour of the stoles/hoods are determined by the level of award and the specific discipline and are outlined in the table and schedules below.

Level of Award	Gown	Stole/Hood	Cap
Undergraduates and holders of associate diplomas	A gown of black cloth, of the same shape as that worn by Bachelors of Arts in the University of Oxford		A black cloth trencher cap with black tassel
Associates or holders of diplomas not being graduates	A gown of black cloth, of the same shape as that worn by Bachelors of Arts in the University of Oxford	A stole of silk 10 centimetres wide, tapering to 4.5 centimetres across the shoulders, and of the length of the gown on each side. The colour of the stole shall be as determined for the relevant College/discipline in Schedule 1.	A black cloth trencher cap with black tassel
Bachelors	A gown of black cloth, of the same shape as that worn by Bachelors of Arts in the University of Oxford	A hood of black cloth of the same shape and size as that worn by Bachelors of Arts in the University of Oxford, lined to a depth of 5 centimetres with coloured silk in the tippet and cowl. For AMC graduates the hood is lined entirely with silk and edged with wine coloured braid. The silk is to be the relevant colour specified in Schedule 1 or Schedule 2.	A black cloth trencher cap with black tassel

Holders of diplomas being graduates	The academic dress pertaining to the degree held by the diplomate before admission to the course for the diploma.		
Masters other than Master of Surgery	A gown of black cloth, of the same shape as that worn by Masters of Arts in the University of Oxford	A hood of black cloth of the same shape and size as that worn by Masters of Arts in the University of Oxford, lined entirely with silk. For AMC graduates the hood is lined entirely with silk and edged with gold coloured braid. The colour of the silk lining shall be as determined for that degree in Schedule 1.	A black cloth trencher cap with black tassel
Professional doctorates	A festal gown of black cloth, fully lined in the sleeves and faced on the full length of the lapels to a width of 10 centimetres with coloured silk	A hood of coloured cloth of the same shape and size as that worn by Masters of Arts in the University of Oxford, lined with coloured silk. The colour of the silk, cord and tassel and hood is the relevant colour specified in Schedule 1.	A black velvet bonnet trimmed with a coloured cord and tassel
Doctors of philosophy	A festal gown of black cloth, fully lined in the sleeves and faced on the full length of the lapels to a width of 10 centimetres with scarlet silk	A hood of scarlet cloth of the same shape and size as that worn by Masters of Arts in the University of Oxford, lined with scarlet silk	A black velvet bonnet trimmed with scarlet cord and tassel
Doctors (other than doctors of philosophy and professional doctorates) and Masters of Surgery	A festal gown of scarlet cloth, faced on the full length of the lapels to a width of 10 centimetres with coloured silk, with open pointed sleeves fully lined with coloured silk and turned back above the elbow	A black cloth hood of the same size and shape as that of a Doctor in the University of Cambridge, lined entirely with coloured silk. The colour of the silk is as specified in Schedule 1 for the College/discipline in which the degree was obtained.	A black velvet bonnet trimmed with gold cord and tassel

Versions

Version	Action	Approved by	Responsible Officer/s	Approval Date
1	Approved	Provost	Manager, Events & Protocol	6 November 2020
2	Approved	Provost	Brand Manager	5 April 2022
3	Minor amendment approved (position title changes)	Director Governance and Compliance	Brand Manager	16 May 2022
3	Reconfirmed	Pro Vice-Chancellor (Strategic Projects)	Head of Brand	9 May 2023

Definitions

[Bachelor's gown](#) | [Bonnet](#) | [Festal gown](#) | [Master's gown](#) | [Stole/hood](#) | [Trencher cap](#)

Schedule 1 – Colours for Awards

The colours described in Schedules 1 and 2 are defined by comparison with the Australian Colour Standard and any other widely accepted colour standard that the Head of Brand decides is appropriate.

The Head of Brand will hold swatches of material in the defined colours and will maintain a list showing the definition of each colour by reference to those colour standards.

COLLEGE	COLOUR	
Arts, Law and Education – Awards in:		
Education	Light blue	
Fine Arts, Visual Arts	Satinwood	
Law	Crimson	
Music, Performing Arts	Silver grey	
All other Arts awards	Dark blue	
Business and Economics		
All awards	Orange	
Health and Medicine – Awards in:		
Medical Science, Dementia	Purple	
Medicine and Surgery	Lilac	
Nursing	Blue green	
Pharmacy	Saffron	
All other Health awards	Jacaranda	
Sciences and Engineering – Awards in:		
Agricultural Science	Brown	
Architecture, Town Planning, Environmental Design	Dark pink	
Environmental Studies	Light pink	
Geomatics and Surveying	Green muscat	
Engineering and Technology	Green	
All other Sciences and Engineering awards	White	
Australian Maritime College – Awards in:		
Marine Conservation and Resource Sustainability	Aqua	
Maritime Engineering and Hydrodynamics/Marine Engineering	Purple	
Maritime Operations	Royal Blue	
Maritime and Logistics Management	Ivory	
Certificate I-IV and Graduate Certificate (all disciplines)	Silver Grey	
Diploma and Graduate Diploma (all disciplines)	Apricot	
Higher Degrees by Research		
The discipline colours set out in this schedule apply to research higher degree awards administered by Graduate Research, except for:		
Doctor of Philosophy	Scarlet	

Schedule 2 – Colours for Double and Combined Degrees

Students enrolled in double degrees are eligible to graduate when they have completed the course requirements for both degrees. Students may choose to attend the graduation ceremony of one of the degrees, will wear the appropriate colours from Schedule 1, and will receive testamurs for both degrees at that single ceremony.

For students currently enrolled in the following combined degrees (including degrees awarded with honours), the silk lining of the hood comprises two parallel and adjoining bands, each 2.5cm wide, in the colours described in the table. The colour listed first is on the outside of the hood.

AWARD	COLOUR
Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Business	Dark blue and Orange
Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Economics	Dark blue and Orange
Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Fine Arts	Dark blue and Satinwood
Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Information and Communication Technology	Dark blue and White
Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws	Dark blue and Crimson
Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Music	Dark blue and Silver grey
Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science	Dark blue and White
Bachelor of Behavioural Science and Bachelor of Laws	Jacaranda and Crimson
Bachelor of Business and Bachelor of Computing	Orange and White
Bachelor of Business and Bachelor of Economics	Orange
Bachelor of Business and Bachelor of Information and Communication Technology	Orange and White
Bachelor of Business and Bachelor of Information Systems	Orange and White
Bachelor of Business and Bachelor of Laws	Orange and Crimson
Bachelor of Business and Bachelor of Science	Orange and White
Bachelor of Computing and Bachelor of Laws	White and Crimson
Bachelor of Computing and Bachelor of Science	White
Bachelor of Computing and Bachelor of Teaching	White and Light blue
Bachelor of Economics and Bachelor of Information and Communication Technology	Orange and White
Bachelor of Economics and Bachelor of Laws	Orange and Crimson
Bachelor of Economics and Bachelor of Science	Orange and White
Bachelor of Engineering and Master of Business Administration	White and Orange
Bachelor of Information and Communication Technology and Bachelor of Laws	White and Crimson

Bachelor of Information and Communication Technology and Bachelor of Science	White
Bachelor of Information and Communication Technology and Bachelor of Visual Communication	White and Satinwood
Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Laws	Silver grey and Crimson
Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Teaching	Silver grey and Light blue
Bachelor of Psychological Science and Bachelor of Laws	Jacaranda and Crimson
Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Engineering	White and Green
Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Laws	White and Crimson
Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Teaching	White and Light blue

Schedule 3 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander scarves

Aboriginal Scarf	
Fabric: Polyester or Silk	Colours:
Style: CDC, Chiffon etc.	Red (PMS 179c)
Size: 1400 x 300mm	Yellow (PMS 123c)
	Black (PMS Black c)
	
Torres Strait Islander Scarf	
Fabric: Polyester or Silk	Colours:
Style: CDC, Chiffon etc.	Green (PMS 3288 c)
Size: 2000mm x 300mm	Blue (PMS 801 c)
	White (White)
	Black (PMS Black c)
	

Schedule 4 – Embroidery

Embroidery design for the bands on the ceremonial dress of University Council Members, Chancellor, Deputy Chancellor/s, Vice-Chancellor, and Deputy Vice-Chancellor/s.





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