

# UNSW Academic Dress Regulations and Colours

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All enquiries should be directed to the Graduations Manager [graduations@unsw.edu.au](mailto:graduations@unsw.edu.au). Alterations to items described herein or departure from the specified regulations will not be permitted at a graduation ceremony without approval from the graduations manager.

## Faculty codes

ADFA	UNSW Canberra at the Australian Defence Force Academy
ALL	All Faculties
ADA	Faculty of Arts, Design & Architecture
BUS	UNSW Business School
ENG	Faculty of Engineering
LAW	Faculty of Law & Justice
MED	Faculty of Medicine & Health
SCI	Faculty of Science
<i>A&amp;D</i>	<i>Faculty of Art &amp; Design</i>
<i>COFA</i>	<i>College of Fine Arts</i>
<i>ARTS</i>	<i>Faculty of Arts &amp; Social Sciences</i>
<i>FBE</i>	<i>Faculty of Built Environment</i>



## Description of dress

<b>Chancellor</b>	A black robe trimmed with gold ornaments, and black Tudor bonnet with gold lace and gold tassel.
<b>Deputy Chancellor</b>	A black robe trimmed with gold lace, and black Tudor bonnet and gold tassel.
<b>Pro-Chancellor</b>	A black robe trimmed with gold lace on the facings and the shoulders, and black Tudor bonnet and gold cord trim.
<b>Vice-Chancellor</b>	A black robe trimmed with silver lace, and black Tudor bonnet with silver lace and silver tassel.
<b>Member of Council</b>	The habit of their degree or an old gold gown faced with black to a width of 6cm and the yoke to be of similar material; Tudor bonnet with gold cord trim.
<b>Fellowship of the University</b>	A garment of black the back of which is rouched or gathered to give a definitive yoke beneath the collar; white stole trimmed with gold tassel, and a black Tudor bonnet and silver tassel.
<b>Edged / Lined</b>	Edged shall mean, unless otherwise stated, edged to a depth of 10cm, the edging being turned out 1½ cm on the outside of the cowl for the Bachelors hood, and similarly for the lining on the cowl and cape of the Masters hood and Doctor of Philosophy hood. For Bachelors degrees in the Faculty of Built Environment, the hood, although lined, has the edging turned out only on the cowl, not on the cape.
<b>Two Colours</b>	Where two colours are stated, the first shall be to the outside edge of the cowl.
<b>Normal Academic Dress</b>	The gown, hood, trencher cap or bonnet appropriate to the individual.
<b>Festal Academic Dress</b>	The academic gown appropriate to the individual. If the gown has no colour on it (i.e. is all black) then the appropriate hood is also worn. No cap or bonnet worn. Formal dress appropriate to the occasion is worn.



## Academic dress for international graduation ceremonies

The following hoods are worn at graduation ceremonies conducted overseas, instead of the specific UNSW degree hoods:

<b><i>Level of Degree</i></b>	<b><i>Hood</i></b>
Graduate Certificate Associate Diploma Diploma	No hood.
Graduate Diploma	Old Gold (BCC115).
Bachelor	Old Gold (BCC115) edged to a depth of 5cm with Cherry (BCC185) and to a further depth of 5cm with Empire Blue (BCC87).
Master	Old Gold (BCC115) lined with Empire Blue (BCC87) and edged to a depth of 5cm with Cherry (BCC185).

Doctorate and Higher Degree graduands wear the dress specified for their degree in the appropriate sections of this document.



## **Associate Diploma / Diploma / Graduate Certificate**

Gown	An open fronted garment of black the back of which is rouched or gathered to give a definitive yoke beneath the collar. The fronts are turned back to form facings about 5cm wide, strings are attached to the inside of the lining. The sleeves are open, slit vertically from the shoulders and caught together at the bottom of the slit (similar to BA (Camb.).
Hood	No hood is worn.
Cap	Black trencher with hard brim and crown and black tassel.



## Bachelor

Gown	An open fronted garment of black the back of which is rouched or gathered to give a definitive yoke beneath the collar. The fronts are turned back to form facings about 5cm wide, strings are attached to the inside of the lining. The sleeves are open, slit vertically from the shoulders and caught together at the bottom of the slit (similar to BA (Camb.).
Hood	A full shaped cape which covers the shoulders, and a cowl with a liripipe or tail. It is held in position with a neckband fitted with a cord loop which can be used to anchor it to a button or brooch. Hoods are normally worn with the cowl turned inside out for part of its width, thus showing some of its lining materials (similar to University of Cambridge).
Cap	Black trencher with hard brim and crown and black tassel.

<b>Faculty</b>	<b>Hood</b>
ADA	Jet Black (BCC220) edged to a depth of 10cm with Turquoise Green (BCC121)
BUS	Old Gold (BCC115) edged to a depth of 10cm with Cream (BCC3)
ENG	Old Gold (BCC115) edged to a depth of 10cm with Claret (BCC36)
LAW	Old Gold (BCC115) edged to a depth of 10cm with Victrix Blue (BCC47)
MED	Old Gold (BCC115) edged to a depth of 10cm with Imperial Purple (BCC109)
SCI	Old Gold (BCC115) edged to a depth of 10cm with Maize (BCC5)
ADFA	Jet Black (BCC220) edged to a depth of 10cm with Royal Purple (BCC110)
A&D	<i>Jet Black (BCC220) edged to a depth of 10cm with Old Gold (BCC115)</i>
COFA	<i>Jet Black (BCC220) edged to a depth of 10cm with Old Gold (BCC115)</i>
ARTS	<i>Old Gold (BCC115) edged to a depth of 10cm with White fur</i>
FBE	<i>Old Gold (BCC115) edged to a depth of 10cm with Tartan Green (BCC26)</i>

Combined Degree Programs Degrees that are offered under two faculties will wear the hood of the faculty which administers the program. If a student is enrolled in a cross-faculty program that has joint administration, the student may choose which faculty colour they will wear at their graduation ceremony.



## Bachelors



Faculty of Arts, Design & Architecture



UNSW Business School



Faculty of Engineering



Faculty of Law



Faculty of Medicine & Health



Faculty of Science



UNSW Canberra at ADFA



Faculty of Art & Design  
College of Fine Arts



Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences



Faculty of Built Environment



## Graduate Diploma

- Gown** An open fronted garment of black the back of which is rouched or gathered to give a definite yoke beneath the collar. The fronts are turned back to form facings about 5cm wide, strings are attached to the inside of the lining. Glove (closed) sleeves having horizontal slits to free the arms (similar to MA University of Cambridge). (As for Bachelor).
- Hood** A hood of Old Gold is worn by graduands.
- Cap** Black trencher with hard brim and crown and black tassel. (As for Bachelor).



Graduate Diploma

## Master / Juris Doctor (JD) / Bachelor Medical Studies Doctor of Medicine (BMedMD)

Gown	An open fronted garment of black the back of which is rouched or gathered to give a definite yoke beneath the collar. The fronts are turned back to form facings about 5cm wide, strings are attached to the inside of the lining. Glove (closed) sleeves having horizontal slits to free the arms (similar to MA University of Cambridge).
Hood	A full shaped cape which covers the shoulders, and a cowl with a liripipe or tail. It is held in position with a neckband fitted with a cord loop which can be used to anchor it to a button or brooch. Hoods are normally worn with the cowl turned inside out for part of its width, thus showing some of its lining materials (similar to University of Cambridge).
Cap	Black trencher with hard brim and crown and black tassel (as for Bachelor).

Faculty	Hood
ADA	Jet Black (BCC220) lined with Turquoise Green (BCC121)
BUS	Old Gold (BCC115) lined with Cream (BCC3)
ENG	Old Gold (BCC115) lined with Claret (BCC36)
LAW	Old Gold (BCC115) lined with Victrix Blue (BCC47)
MED	Old Gold (BCC115) lined with Imperial Purple (BCC109)
SCI	Old Gold (BCC115) lined with Maize (BCC5)
ADFA	Jet Black (BCC220) lined with Royal Purple (BCC110)
A&D	<i>Jet Black (BCC220) lined with Old Gold (BCC115)</i>
COFA	<i>Jet Black (BCC220) lined with Old Gold (BCC115)</i>
ARTS	<i>Old Gold (BCC115) lined with Powder Blue (BCC193)</i>
FBE	<i>Old Gold (BCC115) lined with Tartan Green (BCC26)</i>
<b>Research Degrees</b>	Masters degrees by research will wear the postgraduate hood of their faculty.
<b>Master of Philosophy</b>	Gown An open fronted garment of black the back of which is rouched or gathered to give a definite yoke beneath the collar. The fronts are turned back to form facings about 5cm wide, strings are attached to the inside of the lining. Glove (closed) sleeves having horizontal slits to free the arms (similar to MA University of Cambridge).
	Hood Old Gold (BCC115) lined with Cherry (BCC185). (Same as PhD).
	Cap Black trencher with hard brim and crown and black tassel. (As for Bachelor).



## Masters



Faculty of Arts, Design & Architecture



UNSW Business School



Faculty of Engineering



Faculty of Law



Faculty of Medicine & Health



Faculty of Science



UNSW Canberra at ADFA



Faculty of Art & Design  
College of Fine Arts



Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences



Faculty of Built Environment

## Doctorate / Professional Doctorate

<b>Degree</b>	<b>Dress</b>
Doctor of Philosophy	<p>Gown Similar to MA gown and faced with scarlet to a width of 15cm. (Similar to University of Cambridge).</p> <p>Hood Old Gold (BCC115) lined with Cherry (BCC185).</p> <p>Cap Tudor bonnet with red cord trim.</p>
Doctor of Clinical Research in Optometry Doctor of Cyber Security Doctor of Information Technology Doctor of Project Management Doctor of Public Health Doctor of Public Policy and Governance Doctor of Social Work Doctor of Systems Engineering	<p>Gown Similar to MA gown and faced with scarlet to a width of 15cm. (Similar to University of Cambridge).</p> <p>Hood Old Gold (BCC115) lined with Cherry (BCC185).</p> <p>Cap Tudor bonnet with gold cord trim.</p>
Doctor of Education	<p>Gown Black gown faced with Pearl White silk (BCC151) to a width of 15cm (similar to UNSW PhD gown which is faced with scarlet cloth).</p> <p>Hood Old Gold silk (BCC115) lined with Pearl White silk (BCC151).</p> <p>Cap Tudor bonnet with gold cord trim.</p>
Doctor of Juridical Science	<p>Gown PhD gown, similar to MA gown and faced with scarlet to a width of 15cm. (Similar to University of Cambridge).</p> <p>Hood As for Bachelor, Old Gold (BCC115) lined with Beech Brown (BCC69).</p> <p>Cap Tudor bonnet with gold cord trim.</p>
Doctor of Medical Science (formerly Doctor of Medicine)	<p>Gown Full scarlet robe, bell shaped sleeves, sleeves and facings of Imperial Purple (BCC109). (Similar to University of Oxford).</p> <p>Hood Simple shape consisting of cowl only without the cape but possible to fold in such a shape as to show the lining.</p>



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(Similar to University of Oxford). Scarlet lined with Imperial Purple (BCC109).

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Cap    Black Tudor bonnet with gold cord trim.

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## Doctorate (cont.)



Doctor of Philosophy

## Higher / Honorary Doctorate

<b>Degree</b>	<b>Dress</b>	
Doctor of Business Doctor of Economics Doctor of Engineering Doctor of the University	Gown	Full scarlet robe with scarlet bell shaped sleeves and Old Gold facings (BCC115). (Similar to Oxford).
	Hood	Simple shape consisting of cowl only without the cape but possible to fold in such a shape as to show the lining (similar to University of Oxford). Scarlet hood with scarlet lining. (Similar to Oxford).
	Cap	Black Tudor bonnet with gold cord trim.
Doctor of Arts & Design Doctor of Letters	Gown	Full scarlet robe, bell shaped sleeves, sleeves and facings of Cream (BCC3). (Similar to University of Oxford).
	Hood	Simple shape consisting of cowl only without the cape but possible to fold in such a shape as to show the lining (similar to University of Oxford). Scarlet lined with Cream (BCC3).
	Cap	Black Tudor bonnet with gold cord trim.
Doctor of Health Care	Gown	Full scarlet robe with scarlet bell shaped sleeves and Old Gold facings (BCC115). (Similar to Oxford).
	Hood	Simple shape consisting of cowl only without the cape but possible to fold in such a shape as to show the lining. (Similar to University of Oxford). Scarlet lined with Imperial Purple (BCC109).
	Cap	Black Tudor bonnet with gold cord trim.
Doctor of Laws	Gown	Full scarlet robe, bell shaped sleeves, sleeves and facings of Beech Brown (BCC69). (Similar to University of Oxford).
	Hood	Simple shape consisting of cowl only without the cape but possible to fold in such a shape as to show the lining (similar to University of Oxford). Scarlet lined with beech brown (BCC69).
	Cap	Black Tudor bonnet with gold cord trim.



Doctor of Music	Gown	Full scarlet robe, bell shaped sleeves, sleeves and facings of Cherry (BCC185). (Similar to University of Oxford).
	Hood	Simple shape consisting of cowl only without the cape but possible to fold in such a shape as to show the lining (similar to University of Oxford). Scarlet lined with Cherry (BCC185).
	Cap	Black velvet Tudor bonnet with gold cord trim.
Doctor of Science	Gown	Full scarlet robe, bell shaped sleeves, sleeves and facings of Old Gold (BCC115). (Similar to University of Oxford).
	Hood	Simple shape consisting of cowl only without the cape but possible to fold in such a shape as to show the lining (similar to University of Oxford). Scarlet lined with Old Gold (BCC115).
	Cap	Black Tudor bonnet with gold cord trim.

