Academic and Ceremonial Dress Regulations

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1. Ceremonial dress

1.1 The ceremonial dress of the Visitor of the university is a gown of royal purple cloth with gold trimmings, the sleeves trimmed with seven bars of gold braid, and a black velvet brimmed bonnet with a gold cord and tassel.

1.2 The ceremonial dress of -

1.2.1 the chancellor is a gown of signal red cloth with gold trimmings, gold-embroidered shoulder wings, the sleeves trimmed with ten bars of gold braid, and a black velvet brimmed bonnet with a gold cord and tassel;

1.2.2 a deputy chancellor is a gown of signal red cloth with gold trimmings, the sleeves trimmed with five bars of gold braid, and a black velvet brimmed bonnet with a gold cord and tassel;

1.2.3 the vice-chancellor and president is a gown of lido blue cloth with gold trimmings, the sleeves trimmed with eleven bars of gold braid, and a black velvet brimmed bonnet with a gold cord and tassel;

1.2.4 a deputy vice-chancellor and vice-president is a gown of lido blue cloth with silver trimmings, the sleeves trimmed with five bars of silver braid, and a black velvet brimmed bonnet with a silver cord and tassel;

1.2.5 a pro vice-chancellor is a gown of lido blue cloth with silver trimmings, and a black velvet brimmed bonnet with a silver cord and tassel;

1.2.6 the dean of a faculty is a gown of midnight blue cloth with silver trimmings, the sleeves trimmed with five bands of silver braid, faced with and having a sailor collar of silk of the appropriate faculty colour; and

1.2.7 the esquire bedel and the university orator is a gown of midnight blue cloth with silver trimmings, and a black velvet trencher cap.

1.3 An officer of the university is entitled to wear the habit of his or her degree in lieu of the ceremonial dress prescribed by subsection 1.2.

2. Academic dress - Council and staff members

The academic dress of a member of -
2.1 the Council is the habit of his or her degree or, in the case of a member not holding a degree, a black masters gown faced to a depth of ten centimetres with turquoise blue corded silk, with a yoke of the same silk, and a black cloth trencher cap;

2.2 the academic or administrative staff of the university, being a graduate of this or another university, is the habit of his or her degree or a black masters gown faced to a depth of ten centimetres with turquoise blue corded silk, with a yoke of the same silk, and a black cloth trencher cap or other head dress appropriate for the academic standing of the wearer;

2.3 the academic or administrative staff of the university, not being a graduate of this or another university but being of, or declared by the Council to be of, the status of lecturer or above, is a plain black masters gown, and a black cloth trencher cap.

3. Academic dress - doctorate

The academic dress of -

3.1 higher doctorate is a festal gown of scarlet cloth similar to that worn by a Doctor in the University of Oxford, faced with silk, with the sleeves edged to a depth of thirty centimetres with silk, a hood of scarlet cloth lined with silk, all silk being of the appropriate faculty colour, the lining of the hood being turned one centimetre on the outside of the tippet and cowl, and a black velvet brimmed bonnet with gold cord and tassel;

3.2 doctor of philosophy is a gown of black cloth similar to that worn by a Master of Arts of the University of Cambridge, faced with ten centimetres of peony red coloured silk, a hood of turquoise blue corded silk lined with peony red silk, the lining being turned one centimetre on the outside of the tippet, the inside and outside of the cowl being piped one centimetre with silk of the appropriate faculty colour, and a black velvet brimmed bonnet with a peony red cord and tassel.

3.3 professional doctorate -

3.3.1 where derived from one faculty, is a gown of black cloth similar to that worn by a Master of Arts in the University of Cambridge, faced with ten centimetres of peony red silk, a hood of turquoise blue corded silk lined with silk of the appropriate faculty colour, the lining being turned one centimetre on the outside of the tippet, the inside and outside of the cowl being piped one centimetre with peony red silk, and a black velvet brimmed bonnet with a peony red cord and tassel; and

3.3.2 where derived jointly from two faculties, is a gown of black cloth similar to that worn by a Master of Arts in the University of Cambridge, faced with ten centimetres of peony red silk, a hood of turquoise blue corded silk lined with silk of the colour appropriate to the faculty administering the degree, the lining being turned one centimetre on the outside of the tippet, the inside and outside of the cowl being piped one centimetre with peony red silk, the inside of the cowl next to the piping being banded with
five centimetres of silk of the colour appropriate to the other faculty from which the degree is derived, and a black velvet brimmed bonnet with a peony red cord and tassel.

4. Academic dress - master

The academic dress of master is a gown similar to that worn by a Master of Arts in the University of Cambridge, with a hood of turquoise blue corded silk lined with silk of the appropriate faculty colour, with the lining being turned one centimetre on the outside of the tippet and on the outside of the cowl, and a black cloth trencher cap.

5. Academic dress - bachelor

The academic dress of bachelor is a gown similar to that worn by a Bachelor of Arts in the University of Cambridge, with a hood of turquoise blue corded silk, edged inside the cowl to a depth of ten centimetres with silk of the appropriate faculty colour, the edging being turned one centimetre on the outside of the cowl, and a black cloth trencher cap.

6. Academic dress - diploma

The academic dress of graduate, undergraduate and associate diploma is -

6.1 a black gown with a black stole faced with the appropriate faculty colour, and a black cloth trencher cap; or

6.2 where applicable, the academic dress appropriate for a bachelor or other degree which the diplomate is entitled to wear.

7. Academic dress - student

The academic dress of -

7.1 a student being a graduate of this or another university, is the habit of his or her degree or a plain black gown, similar to that worn by a scholar in the University of Cambridge, and a black cloth trencher cap; and

7.2 an undergraduate student of the university is a plain black gown, similar to that worn by a scholar in the University of Cambridge, and a black cloth trencher cap.

8. Faculty colours

The colour appropriate to a particular faculty is as follows -

8.1 Faculty of Art and Design - spectrum orange;

8.2 Faculty of Arts - old rose silk;

8.3 Faculty of Business and Economics - peacock green silk;

8.4 Faculty of Education - banana silk;
8.5 Faculty of Engineering - rose beige silk;

8.6 Faculty of Information Technology - spectrum green silk;

8.7 Faculty of Law - white silk;

8.8 Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences - victrix blue silk;

8.9 Faculty of Science - primrose silk;

8.10 Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences - buttercup silk.

9. Indigenous Australians

In addition to any appropriate ceremonial or academic dress prescribed by these regulations, a person who is an Indigenous Australian is entitled to wear a short black stole faced with –

9.1 red, gold and black, in the case of an Aboriginal; or

9.2 green, black, blue and white, in the case of a Torres Strait Islander

10. Saving provision

The academic dress which a graduate of the university or of any institution which merged with the university pursuant to the Monash University (Chisholm and Gippsland) Act 1990 was entitled to wear immediately prior to the coming into force of the Academic Dress (Amendment No. 8) regulations will continue to be recognised as an appropriate academic dress for that graduate.