

Academic Dress Procedures

INTRODUCTION

University Academic Dress Procedures are approved from time to time by the University Council.

The persons entitled to academic dress in accordance with this document are:

- The Chancellor
- The Deputy Chancellor
- The Vice-Chancellor
- Other members of Council
- Degree of Doctor (Other than degree of Doctor of Philosophy)
- Degree of Doctor of Philosophy
- Degree of Master
- Degree of Bachelor, Graduate Certificate and Graduate Diploma
- Diploma/Advanced Diploma/Associate Degree
- Certificate IV
- Certificates other than Certificate IV
- Companion of the University
- Indigenous Graduates

The academic dress to which a person is entitled is that described in the section referring in its heading to the person, or as the case requires, the person's degree or other award.

COMPLIANCE

This is a compliance requirement under the [Charles Darwin University Act 2003](#) part 3, section 15.

INTENT

The intent of this document is to give a clear understanding of which officers, students and alumni of the University are entitled to wear academic dress and what style and colour that will take on formal occasions such as graduation.

RELEVANT DEFINITIONS

In the context of this document

Cambridge Bachelor/Master/Doctoral Pattern means a graduation gown of black cloth, cut in the same pattern and style as graduates holding a degree of Bachelor/Masters/Doctor from the University of Cambridge; and

Festal Gown means a gown used at graduation ceremonies and special occasions which are coloured rather than the usual black for Bachelor and Masters gowns. Doctorate candidates are authorised to wear garments of brighter colours such as scarlet, purple or red.

PROCEDURES

Chancellor

Gown of charcoal-grey, cool wool with scarlet facings down each side in the front, and a long, pointed collar at the back. The facings and collar are trimmed on the outer-side with a double row of gold and black braid. The sleeves are trimmed around the arm slit with gold braid, and the base of the sleeves is trimmed with a band of scarlet and three bands of gold braid. Above this, the University insignia is embroidered in gold.

Black velvet trencher with gold tassel and edged with gold lace.

Deputy Chancellor

Gown of charcoal-grey, cool wool in the same style as the Chancellor's gown, with plain, charcoal facings down each side in the front, and a long, pointed collar at the back. The facings and collar are trimmed on the outer-side with a double row of scarlet and gold braid. The sleeves are trimmed around the arm slit with gold braid, and the base of the sleeves is trimmed with a band of scarlet with one band of gold. Above this, the University insignia is embroidered in gold.

Black velvet trencher with gold tassel.

Vice-Chancellor

Gown of charcoal-grey, cool wool in the same style as the Chancellor's gown, with scarlet facings down each side in the front, and a long, pointed collar at the back. The facings and collar are trimmed on the outer side with a double row of silver and black braid.

Black velvet trencher with silver tassel and trimmed with silver lace.

Members of Council (Other than Chancellor, Deputy Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor)

The style of academic dress (if any) to which the member is entitled, or black, poly-rayon gown of the Cambridge doctoral pattern with facings of scarlet and white and sleeve linings of scarlet. Sleeves held by white button and cord.

Black trencher with scarlet tassel.

Degree of Doctor (Other than Degree of Doctor of Philosophy)

Festal gown of scarlet cloth of the Cambridge doctoral pattern with 10cm facings and sleeve linings of the relevant award colour specified below. For the award of Doctor of the University, the 10cm facings and sleeve linings will be white.

Black velvet bonnet with silver cord and tassel.

Hood of scarlet cloth of the Cambridge pattern lined with silk of the relevant award colour. For the award of Doctor of the University, the hood will be lined in white, edged with white silk 3cm wide, adjacent to black silk 2cm wide, scarlet silk 3cm wide, then black silk 2cm wide (so that the 3cm white strip is the outer edge of the hood).

Degree of Doctor of Philosophy

Festal gown of claret stuff-cloth of the Cambridge doctoral pattern faced with cream silk 10cm wide.

Black velvet bonnet with cream cord and tassel.

Hood of black cloth of the Cambridge pattern lined with claret silk and edged with cream silk 5cm wide.

Degree of Master

Black poly rayon gown of the Cambridge masters pattern.

Black trencher with black tassel.

Hood of the Cambridge shape fully lined with the relevant award colour specified below, and further edged with white silk 5cm wide.

Degree of Bachelor, Graduate Certificate and Graduate Diploma

Black poly rayon gown of the Cambridge bachelor pattern.

Black trencher with black tassel.

Hood of the Cambridge pattern faced with 10cm wide silk of the relevant award colour specified below.

Diploma/Advanced Diploma/Associate Degree

Black poly-rayon gown of the Cambridge bachelor pattern.

Full-length stole, lined with red.

Certificate IV

Black poly-rayon gown of the Cambridge bachelor pattern.

Full-length stole lined with black and centre trimmed with red strip.

Certificates other than Certificate IV

Black poly rayon gown of the Cambridge bachelor pattern.

Companion of the University

Black poly rayon gown of the Cambridge masters pattern

Full-length, white stole with a black backing with the Charles Darwin University logo at the base.

Indigenous Graduates

In addition to the academic dress relating to the qualification being conferred; an additional half-length stole with an indigenous motif is to be worn.

Colours

Colours are allocated to groups of awards in cognate areas that form a broad field of study, as follows:

Field of Study	Colour
Natural and Physical Sciences	Moss Green
Information Technology	Cossack Green
Engineering and Related Technology	Purple
Architecture and Building	Magenta
Agriculture, Environmental and Related Studies	Peony Red
Health	Pale Green
Education	Peach
Management and Commerce	Powder Blue
Society and Culture	Gold
Creative Arts	Lemon
Indigenous Studies	New Red

The award colours are identified according to the Australian Standard Colour Codes as set out below.

Award Colour	Australian Standard Colour Codes
Claret	R54 Raspberry
Cossack Green	G12 Holly
Cream	Y34 Cream
Gold	Y14 Golden Yellow
Lemon	Y22 Custard
Magenta	P11 Magenta
Moss Green	G34 Avocado
Ochre	R52 Terra Cotta
Pale Green	G45 Chartreuse
Peach	X23 Apricot
Peony Red	R15 Crimson
Powder Blue	B32 Powder Blue
Purple	P13 Violet
Red	R14 Waratah

Scarlet	R12 Scarlet
White	Y35 White

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