Regulations for approved programmes of study

A.4 Regulations for Academic Dress

Academic dress is provided by Ede and Ravenscroft for both graduates and staff members taking part in Oxford Brookes University graduation ceremonies. All graduates of Oxford Brookes University are required to ensure that they wear the correct gown, hat and hood when in full academic dress. Please see attached description and images.

The copyright to Oxford Brookes University academic dress is held by Ede and Ravenscroft. Gowns, hats or hoods may not be replicated without the express authorisation of Ede and Ravenscroft.

Graduates and staff are required to dress in a manner appropriate to a smart occasion in addition to wearing their gown, hood and mortar board. Graduates are encouraged to wear a dark suit, or jacket and trousers/skirt, white shirt/blouse (with button to enable hood to be secured), dark socks/tights and dark footwear. Traditional dress is welcomed.

Jeans, shorts, t-shirts, flip-flops and sports attire (including football and rugby shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies and trainers/plimsolls) are not permitted. Please note that headwear other than academic, cultural or religious is not permitted.

We reserve the right to exclude any graduates from their ceremony who are considered to be dressed inappropriately.

It is not compulsory for graduates attending an Oxford Brookes University graduation ceremony at our main campus to wear academic dress, however those that wish to do so are required to make their own hire/purchase arrangements directly with Ede and Ravenscroft.

Staff members attending an Oxford Brookes University graduation ceremony at our main campus are required to advise their School’s graduation coordinator and complete the relevant attendance and gown hire forms. The Conferment Office will process all academic dress hire on behalf of staff members taking part in platform parties. Staff members taking part in platform parties are required to wear full academic dress including gown, hood and hat.

Staff organising off-site graduation ceremonies are required to advise the Conferment Office and will be advised to contact Ede and Ravenscroft to make arrangements for academic dress hire/purchase.
Higher Doctors (including Honorary Graduates)

*Full Dress Robes*
A maroon cloth robe of the London doctors’ shape with facings and sleeves of University blue embossed silk. The facings also have a $1\frac{3}{4}$” cream ribbon on the outer edge. The cord and button on each sleeve is cream.

*Hood*
As for the PhD hood but bound with $1\frac{1}{2}$” cream ribbon

*Hat*
A black velvet bonnet with a maroon cord and tassels.

Doctors (PhD/EdD)

*Full Dress Robes*
A maroon cloth robe of the Oxford doctors’ shape with facings and sleeves of University blue embossed silk. The facings also have 1” cream ribbon on the outer edge.

*Hood*
A maroon cloth hood of the full shape, fully lined with University blue embossed silk and bound on all edges with 1” of cream silk.

*Hat*
A black velvet bonnet with dark blue cord and tassels.

Masters of Philosophy

*Gown*
As for the Masters’ gown, i.e. a black gown in the masters pattern with long hanging gloved sleeves with straight cut ends and facings of dark blue silk.

*Hood*
As for PhD, a maroon cloth hood of the full shape, fully lined with University blue embossed silk and bound on all edges with 1” of cream silk.

*Hat*
A black cloth mortarboard

Masters Degrees

*Gown*
A black gown in the traditional masters pattern with long hanging gloved sleeves with straight cut ends and facings of dark blue silk.

*Hood*
A black silk hood of the full shape fully lined with the University blue silk and bound $\frac{3}{4}$” in cream ribbon. The neckband is black, lined with blue and bound $\frac{3}{4}$” top and bottom with cream.

*Hat*
A black cloth mortarboard

**Postgraduate Diploma/Postgraduate Certificate/PGCE/CIPD**
*Gown*
A black graduate gown of the Oxford BA pattern

*Hood*
A black silk hood of the full shape, fully lined with cream silk and bound ¾” with blue ribbon. The neckband is bound top and bottom with cream ribbon.

*Hat*
A black cloth mortarboard

**Bachelors Degrees**
*Gown*
A black graduate gown of the Oxford BA pattern

*Hood*
A black silk hood of the full shape, partly lined with dark blue and with the cowl bound ½” in cream ribbon. The top of the neckband is also bound in cream.

*Hat*
A black cloth mortarboard

**Foundation Degrees**
*Gown*
A black graduate gown of the Oxford BA pattern

*Hood*
A black simple shaped hood partly lined with cream silk tipped with dark blue with the cowl bound ¾” with cream ribbon.

*Hat*
A black cloth Mortar-board

**Certificates/Diplomas/HND/HNC/BTEC/EdExcel**
*Gown*
A black graduate gown of the Oxford BA pattern

*Hood*
A black simple shaped hood partly lined with cream silk tipped with dark blue.

*Hat*
A black cloth Mortar-board

**Undergraduates**
No academic dress is worn
Ushers

_Gown_
Basic Bachelors’ Gown with maroon facings

_Hood_
No hood is worn

_Hat_
Black cloth Mortar-board