

## **Academic Dress Statute**

### **Governance Policy**

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#### **1 Purpose**

The purpose of this statute is to set out the details of academic dress for the Victoria University of Wellington ('the University').

#### **2 Organisational Scope**

This is a University-wide statute.

#### **3 Definitions**

None

#### **4 Statute Content and Guidelines**

Graduates shall appear at all public ceremonies of the University in the academic dress proper to their degree, but Doctors may on special occasions wear a scarlet gown and graduates admitted *ad eundem* may wear the academic costume of their own University.

##### **4.1 Gowns**

- (a) **The gown for a Bachelor's degree is as for the Cambridge Bachelor of Arts.**
- (b) **The gown for a Master's degree and a Doctor of Philosophy degree is as for the Cambridge Master of Arts.**
- (c) **The gown for a Doctor's degree other than that of a Doctor of Philosophy is as for the Cambridge Master of Arts but is made of black silk or of scarlet silk or cloth.**

## **4.2 Hoods**

- (a) **Every degree, except a Doctor of Philosophy and the Masters' degrees referred to in clause 4.2 (b), shall wear a hood the same size and shape as for the Cambridge Master of Arts.**
- (b) **The degrees of Doctor of Philosophy and Masters of Advanced Technology Enterprise, Applied Finance, Asia-Pacific Affairs, Clinical Research, Computer Science, Conservation Biology, Conservation Science, Development Studies, Environmental Studies, Information Management, Information Studies International Relations, Library & Information Studies, Management, Management Studies, Museum & Heritage Studies, New Zealand Studies, Professional Accounting, Public Administration (Executive), Public History, Public Management, Strategic Studies and Theatre Arts shall wear a stole, which is similar to a long scarf with an extended yoke at the back.**
- (c) **The hood for a Bachelor's degree (other than the Bachelor degrees of Architectural Studies, Building Science, Business Information Systems and Design Innovation) is lined with coloured silk and bordered with white fur. The hood for the Degree of Bachelor of Building Science is as for a Bachelor's degree but with a 15mm black stripe placed on the hood lining material at a distance of 30mm from the fur border.**
- (d) **The hoods for the Bachelor degrees of Architectural Studies, Building Science, Business Information Systems and Design Innovation are as for a Bachelor's degree but with a 15mm coloured stripe placed on the hood lining material at a distance of 30mm from the fur border.**
- (e) **The hood for the Bachelor's degree with Honours is lined with coloured silk and edged with white silk 75mm wide, 15mm being on the coloured lining and the remainder on the outside of the hood.**
- (f) **The hood for the Master's degree is lined with coloured silk.**

- (g) **The stole for the Master’s degrees referred to in clause 4.2 (b) (other than the Master of Management Studies) shall be faced with coloured silk and have a 20mm coloured stripe placed on the coloured material at a distance of 20mm from the border.**
- (h) **The stole for the Master of Management Studies shall be faced with coloured silk and have a 50mm coloured stripe placed on the coloured material at a distance of 50mm from the border.**
- (i) **The stole for a Doctor of Philosophy shall be faced with silk.**

### **4.3 Colour of Hoods**

**The colour of the lining of the hood for the following Bachelor’s or Master’s degrees is as follows:**

Architecture	Nasturtium (BCC 96)
Architecture (Professional)	Nasturtium (BCC 96) with Plum Stripe
Architectural Studies	Nasturtium (BCC 96) with Plum stripe
Arts	Rose Pink (BCC 32)
Arts (Applied)	Clover (BCC 229)
Arts/Teaching	Rose Pink (BCC 32) & Peacock Green (BCC 123)
Arts/Teaching (ECE)	Rose Pink (BCC 32) and Peacock Green (BCC 123)
Biomedical Science	Honey Bird (BCC 119)
Building Science	Nasturtium (BCC 96) with Black stripe
Business Administration	Old Gold (BCC 115)
Business Information Systems	Marigold (BCC 56) with Emerald Green stripe
Commerce	Marigold (BCC 56)
Commerce & Administration	Marigold (BCC 56)
Commerce & Administration/Science	Marigold (BCC 56) and Empire Blue (BCC87)
Commerce & Administration/Teaching	Marigold (BCC 56) & Peacock Green (BCC 123)
Design	Kenya Red (BCC 237)
Design Innovation	Kenya Red (BCC 237) with Orange stripe
Education	Peacock Green (BCC 123)
Engineering	Pansy (BCC 180)
Information Technology	Pansy (BCC 180)

Interior Architecture	Nasturtium (BCC 96) with Plum Stripe
Landscape Architecture	Nasturtium (BCC 96) with Plum Stripe
Laws	Pompadour (BCC 194)
Midwifery	Verdigris (BCC 202) with Spectrum Violet stripe
Music	White
Nursing	Verdigris (BCC 202)
Nursing Science	Verdigris (BCC 202) with Lemon Stripe
Public Policy	Buttercup (BCC 53)
Science	Empire Blue (BCC 87)
Science/Teaching	Empire Blue (BCC 87) & Peacock Green (BCC 123)
Science & Technology	Adonis Blue (BCC 85)
Tourism Management	French Beige (BCC 166)

#### 4.4 Colour of Stoles

- (a) **The colour of the fabric and the stripe placed on the inside edge of the fabric for the Victoria University of Wellington stole is: Tartan Green (BCC 26) with Indian Yellow (BCC 6) stripe.**
- (b) **The colour of the lining of the stole and the stripe placed on the lining for the following Master's degrees is as follows:**

Advanced Technology Enterprise	Adonis Blue (BCC 85) with Lemon stripe
Applied Finance	Champagne (BCC 4) with Emerald stripe
Asia-Pacific Affairs	Fuchsia (BCC 199) with Mineral Blue stripe
Clinical Research	Adonis Blue (BCC 85) with Lilac stripe
Communications	Champagne (BCC 4) with Spectrum Orange stripe
Computer Science	Adonis Blue (BCC 85) with Mineral Blue stripe
Conservation Biology	Adonis Blue (BCC 85) with Beech Brown stripe
Conservation Science	Adonis Blue (BCC 85) with Lemon stripe
Development Studies	Adonis Blue (BCC 85) with Spectrum Orange stripe
Environmental Studies	Adonis Blue (BCC 85) with Turquoise stripe
Financial Mathematics	Champagne (BCC 4) with Turquoise stripe
Information Management	Champagne (BCC 4) with Beech Brown stripe
International Relations	Fuchsia (BCC 199) with Turquoise stripe
Library & Information Studies	Champagne (BCC 4) with Mauve stripe

Management	Champagne (BCC 4) with Spectrum Violet stripe
Management Studies	Champagne (BCC 4) with Empire Blue stripe
Marine Conservation	Adonis Blue (BCC 85) with Emerald stripe
Museum & Heritage Studies	Fuchsia (BCC 199) with Pink stripe
New Zealand Studies	Fuchsia (BCC 199) with Purple stripe
Professional Accounting	Champagne (BCC 4) with Buttercup Stripe
Public Administration (Executive)	Champagne (BCC 4) with Tartan Green stripe
Public History	Fuchsia (BCC 199) with Lemon stripe
Public Management	Champagne (BCC 4) with Plum stripe
Strategic Studies	Fuchsia (BCC 199) with Emerald stripe
Theatre Arts	Fuchsia (BCC 199) with White stripe

#### ***4.5 Colour of Doctors' Hoods and Stoles***

- (a) **The hood for a Doctor's degree (other than a Doctor of Philosophy) is made wholly of silk and is of the following colours for the different degrees:**

Commerce	Marigold (BCC 56)
Laws	Pompadour (BCC 194)
Literature	Rose Pink (BCC 32)
Music	White
Science	Empire Blue (BCC 87)

- (b) **The stole lining for a Doctor of Philosophy degree is Post Office Red (BCC 209).**

#### ***4.6 Colour of Doctors' Hoods and Stoles***

- (a) **The official academic dress for Graduands attending a graduation ceremony for the conferment of a degree is a gown and a hood or stole and a cap. For every degree except a Doctor of Philosophy, the cap has been defined as a black trencher with a tassel. A Doctor of Philosophy graduand shall wear a John Knox cap.**

- (b) **The official academic dress for a person attending a graduation ceremony for the award of a diploma or certificate is a gown and the Victoria University of Wellington stole.**
- (c) **Graduands attending a graduation ceremony will process into the auditorium carrying their caps and will put them on when the Chancellor confers their degrees.**
- (d) **Persons who are to receive a qualification who do not wear the official academic dress will not be permitted to process.**

*Note: Graduands may wish to wear garments to honour their cultural tradition, such as korowai or ta'ovala over their academic gown, under their hood or stole.*

- (e) **Members of the teaching and administrative staff of this University who are not graduates of this University may wear the academic dress of this University appropriate to their degree status on ceremonial occasions.**

*Note1. Staff members are encouraged to wear full academic dress.*

*Note2. Academic dress is available on hire at any time through the Wellington Branch of the New Zealand Federation of Graduate Women, which also sells ready-made academic hoods and stoles. Contact the Graduation Office or the Academic Dress Hire office for details.*

## 5 Legislative Compliance

Though the University is required to manage its policy documentation within a legislative framework, there is no specific legislation directing this statute.

## 6 References

Previous Version: [Academic Dress Statute](#)

## 7 Appendices

None

## 8 Approval Agency

University Council

## 9 Approval Dates

This statute was originally approved on:	Prior to 1970
This statute was approved on:	2 September 2014
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## **10 Statute Sponsor**

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## **11 Contact Person**

The following person may be approached in relation to this statute:

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