

Regulations on Official Dress

These regulations define the forms of official dress which are to be worn for ceremonial purposes by the Officers and members of the Council and the Senior Officers, Fellows and Honorary Graduands of the University. There are separate regulations on academic dress that are approved by the Senate.

The Chair of Council

A blue silk robe of the Senior Counsel shape with panel sleeves and cape collar and a rear vent, the facings and collar of blue velvet trimmed with gold oak leaf lace, wings and bottoms trimmed with blue velvet and edged with gold Russia braid, sleeve cuts trimmed with gold Russia braid, and the shields from the University's Armorial Bearings before and after 1995 on the sleeves. A rigid mortar board of blue silk trimmed with blue velvet and with a gold metallic tassel and button, or a blue velvet Tudor bonnet with twisted gold cord and tassel.

Other members of the Council

A blue Masters style robe with one inch gold silk trim to facings and yoke.

The President and Principal

A robe as for the Chair of Council, except for narrower gold oak leaf lace on the facings and collar. A rigid mortar board of blue silk trimmed with blue velvet and with a gold tassel and button, or a blue velvet Tudor bonnet with twisted gold cord and tassel.

The Vice-Principals

A robe as for the President and Principal, except for narrower gold oak leaf lace on the facings and collar and one only shield from the Armorial Bearings after 1995. A rigid mortar board as for the President and Principal, but with a blue tassel and button, or a blue velvet Tudor bonnet with twisted gold cord and tassel.

The Vice-Principal (Health)

A robe and mortar board or Tudor bonnet as for the other Vice-Principals, except for silver oak leaf lace and silver Russia braid on the robe instead of gold.

Fellows

A gown of scarlet all wool Panama, facings and sleeves lined with saffron old gold silk, facings trimmed with one inch blue ribbon, and a blue cord and button on the sleeves and yoke. A round cap of black velvet with a blue cord and tassel.

Honorary Graduands

A gown of Queen Mary blue with bell shaped sleeves, with four inch facings of scarlet silk and silver oak leaf lace running down the facing, and the sleeves with a four inch cuff of scarlet silk and an edging of silver oak leaf lace at the top. A Masters hood with a shell of dark red and silver oak leaf lace as a border on the cape. A Tudor bonnet of blue velvet with cord of blue and yellow.

Approved by the Council with effect from 1 August 2024.