HOMERTON COLLEGE
DRESS CODE FOR POSTGRADUATES CONGREGATIONS

Do you already possess a Cambridge degree?

YES

You will be required to wear the gown and hood of the highest Cambridge degree you already hold - normally BA (i.e. a Cambridge degree that has already been conferred at the Senate House).

NO

You do not have a previous degree from the University of Cambridge. Are you under or over 24?

Under 24

You should wear a BA status gown (no ribbons) plus the hood of the degree to be taken.

Over 24

You should wear a MA status gown (no ribbons) plus the hood of the degree to be taken.

Under no circumstances should a gown of another Institution/College be worn

See this webpage http://www.gradunion.cam.ac.uk/facilities/gown-shop/gown-guide

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The Tutorial staff will show you how to wear your hood on the day. A convenient button on the shirt or blouse may be used as an anchor, with the hood worn as a ‘choker’ or it may be worn forming a V, attached by means of safety pins. Please bring 3 large safety pins with you on the day. It is preferable that cotton or polyester/cotton blouses are worn since safety pins can damage delicate fabrics.
DRESS (OPTION ONE)

- A plain black suit (or VERY dark grey, or VERY dark blue). The suit MUST be dark enough not to contrast obviously with a black gown. A black dinner jacket and trousers are permitted.
- A plain, long-sleeved, collared, white shirt. If you wear a dress shirt, studs should be unobtrusive.
- Plain belts may be worn, with no fancy buckles.
- Formal black shoes. Sandals are not permitted. Unpatterned black socks.
- White bow-tie and bands must be worn; these can be hired from your gown outfitter.

DRESS (OPTION TWO)

- One of the following: a plain black (or VERY dark grey or VERY dark blue)
  - a skirt suit (with a jacket);
  - or a trouser suit (with a jacket);
  - or a skirt, without a jacket;
  - or a plain black long-sleeved dress.
  These MUST be dark enough not to contrast obviously with a black gown.
- A plain, long-sleeved, white shirt or blouse, with long or three-quarter length sleeves and a high neck. Buttons should be unnoticeable.
- A skirt or dress must be at least knee length but may be full length. It should be sufficiently full for you to be able to kneel. A black long-sleeved cardigan may be worn.
- Plain belts only may be worn at the waist, with no fancy buckles.
- Formal black shoes. Sandals are not permitted. Shiny buckles, decoration or patches of colour must be avoided.
- Unpatterned black/nearly-black tights must be worn with a dress or skirt. Unpattern black socks with a trouser suit.
- White bow-tie and bands may be worn if desired, but only with a stiff-collared white shirt.

A black cassock may be substituted for a dark suit, skirt or dress in either Dress option but it must be worn with either a white bow tie and bands or a clerical collar and bands.

Face Covering

Although not compulsory we strongly recommend wearing them while in the Senate House.

You will be asked to remove your mask when your degree is conferred, if you wish to do so.

Face covering, should be, plain (not patterned)

Additional Notes:
Handbags and umbrellas must not be brought into the Senate House (can be left with your guest/s).

The square cap, or ‘mortarboard’, is optional for graduands but should NOT be worn in the Senate House.

The only items of jewellery permitted are wedding and engagement rings; necklaces should be worn under the dress. Earrings must be small studs only - the dangling type must not be worn. Neither coloured nail varnish nor heavy make-up should be worn. Exaggerated hair colourings should be avoided. Hair longer than shoulder length must be tied back and bows and slides must be plain black and not decorative.
RECOMMENDED GOWN OUTFITTERS

Ede and Ravenscroft, 70 - 72 Trumpington Street, Cambridge
You can hire online at www.gownhire.co.uk or call 01223 861854
Ryder and Amies 22 King’s Parade, Cambridge Telephone: 01223 350371

Graduands should note that they are responsible for ordering their own gown and hood. It is also your responsibility to collect these prior to the rehearsal and return these to your supplier.

For further information on Academic Dress please see:
http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/students/studentregistry/current/newstud/graduation/dress.html
Homerton College
Dress Code for Graduation Ceremony Senate House

Dark suits
Black trousers worn with a black jacket
Knee length skirts
Black long sleeved knee length dresses
Long sleeved white blouses to be worn with skirts
Black or near black tights
Black socks to be worn with trousers
Plain black low heeled shoes
Long hair tied back with plain slides and bands
No coloured nail varnish

Praelectors of each Cambridge College are responsible for the Dress Code of their own College. Please note there may be slight differences from other colleges.
Black socks long enough to cover ankles must be worn and no coloured nail varnish or nail art work