

## Dress Code for General Admission

Persons taking their first Cambridge degree wear appropriate gowns (in the case of undergraduates, their undergraduate gown), with the hood of the degree to be taken. The hoods clearly indicate the degrees sought by graduands. **Under no circumstances should a gown of another institution/College be worn.**

### THE HOOD

The hood denotes the degree to be taken as follows:

BA.:	Black cloth and white fur; the fur used is artificial
B.Th.:	Black cloth, black silk and white fur
M.Eng.:	Black cloth lined with bronze silk;
M.Sci.:	Black corded silk lined with pink silk shot with light blue.
M.Math.:	Black cloth lined with slate blue silk

### 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. Shiny buckles, decoration or patches of colour must be avoided. Unpatterned black socks.
- White bow-tie and bands **must** be worn; these can be hired from your gown outfitter.

### DRESS (OPTION TWO)

- A **plain** black (or VERY dark grey or VERY dark blue) skirt suit or trouser suit or plain black 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. Unpatterned black socks with a trouser suit.
- White bow-tie and bands may be worn but only with a properly collar white shirt.

### Face coverings

Students and staff are currently required to wear face coverings inside University and College buildings. Everyone participating in General Admission will be expected to wear face coverings inside the Senate-House, unless an exemption applies.

The only exceptions to this will be staff required to speak during the ceremony – the Senior Proctor (giving the welcome); Esquire Bedell (reading names); Praelector (presenting graduands), and Deputy Vice-Chancellor (conferring degrees).

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

Face covering, should be plain (not patterned), or the College-branded version if preferred, and appropriate for a formal occasion.

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.

**National, Clerical and Military Dress**

National dress and service uniforms are not permitted. Cassocks for both men and women are acceptable.

**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.