

Academic Dress for Degree Days

Full academic dress or *sub fusc* must be worn at all degree ceremonies. *Sub fusc* consists of:

Dark suit, dark socks, black shoes, plain white collared shirt, white bow tie
(Although recent changes made by the university to sub-fusc regulations allow it, Christ Church would wish the wearing of black bow ties or black neck ties to be avoided.)

OR

Dark skirt with black tights or stockings, or dark trousers with dark socks, black shoes, white blouse or plain white collared shirt, black ribbon or white bow tie

'Dark' in this context means dark grey, dark blue or black.

When wearing sub-fusc, your clothing must not leave any part of your legs, ankles, or feet uncovered.

For undergraduate degrees (BA, BFA) – upon entering the ceremony, graduands will be required to wear the gown of their new degree together with the academic cap (mortar board) and *sub-fusc* (as above). On conferment of the degree the BA/BFA hood is assumed.

For undergraduate masters degrees (e.g. Master of Biochemistry, Master of Engineering) – upon entering the ceremony, graduands will be required to wear the gown of their new degree together with the academic cap (mortar board) and *sub-fusc* (as above). On conferment of the degree the Undergraduate Master hood is assumed.

For higher degrees – upon entering the ceremony, graduands will be required to wear either the graduate gown or gown and hood of their present Oxford degree status together with the academic cap (mortar board) and *sub-fusc* (as above). On conferment of the degree the appropriate gown and hood is assumed.

For MA degrees – upon entering the ceremony, graduands will be required to wear the BA gown and hood together with the academic cap (mortar board) and *sub-fusc* (as above). On conferment of the degree the MA gown and hood is assumed.

The academic cap (mortar board) may be worn out of doors but must be removed and carried indoors.

HM Forces

Members of the University serving in HM Forces are permitted to wear dress uniform together with a gown. The uniform cap must be removed when in the Sheldonian Theatre.

Ministers of Religion

Ministers of religion may wear clerical dress, with a gown over, when attending ceremonies.

Head scarves

If you wear a head dress/scarf for religious reasons, a black scarf should be worn.

Please find below a list of gowns available for hire. The hire price is also listed. Items can be reserved and paid for online via the [Christ Church website](#). If you would like to pay by cheque, please email academic.administrator@chch.ox.ac.uk for an order form.



Commoner's Gown (Hire cost £10.50)

A commoner is any undergraduate member of the University who has not obtained a college scholarship or exhibition. The gown is made of black material but with the style of a turned-over collar. It has no sleeves, but has a streamer on each side with square pleating and hanging to the full length of the gown, which covers the normal lounge coat.



Scholar's Gown (Hire cost £13.50)

A scholar's gown is worn by any undergraduate who has been awarded a scholarship by an Oxford college. The scholar's gown is made from black cloth material in full style with a gathered stiffened yoke behind and short open sleeves. The gown should reach to the wearer's knees.



Graduate's Gown (Hire cost £13.50)

The graduate student's gown may be worn only by those who have been admitted to read for specific post-graduate degrees and who are not Oxford graduates. The gown is of the same style as that for a commoner but it reaches to the knees of the wearer and has streamers on each side hanging the length of the gown.



Bachelor of Arts (BA) Gown and Hood (Hire cost £30.50)

A full-style gown made from black Russell cord or polyester. It has a full gathered yoke with long open-fronted sleeves. The hood is of Dean Burgon or Oxford shape, and is made from black corded silk, lined and trimmed with white fur fabric.



Bachelor of Fine Art (BFA) Gown and Hood (Hire cost £30.50)

A full-style gown made from black Russell cord or polyester. It has a full gathered yoke with long open-fronted sleeves. The hood is of Dean Burgon shape, and is made from black silk, with a narrow band of gold silk inside.



Undergraduate Masters (Hire cost £40.50)

A full-style gown made from black Russell cord or polyester. It has a full gathered yoke with long open-fronted sleeves. The hood is of Dean Burgon shape, and is made from black silk lined with sand art silk.

The gown is worn by holders of the following degrees:

Master of Biochemistry
Master of Chemistry
Master of Engineering
Master of Physics

Master of Mathematics
Master of Mathematics and Philosophy
Master of Physics and Philosophy



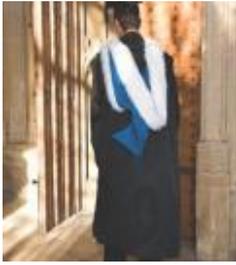
Master of Arts (MA) Gown and Hood (Hire cost £30.50)

A full-style gown made from black Russell cord or polyester, reaching below the calf of the wearer, with a full gathered yoke behind and closed sleeves with a crescent-shaped cut at the bottom and an opening at the elbow. The hood is of Dean Burgon or Oxford shape, and is made from black corded silk, edged and lined with crimson or shot crimson silk.



Master of Letters (MLitt) and Master of Science (MSc) (Hire cost £40.50)

A black gown of silk with a form of black lace sewn on the collar, the lower part of the back, and down the sleeves which are closed and cut straight, but have an opening just above the elbow. The hood, of Dean Burgon shape, is of blue ribbed silk, edged and lined with grey silk.



Bachelor of Medicine and of Surgery (BM BCh), Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL) and Magister Juris (MJur) (Hire cost £40.50)

A black gown of silk with a form of black lace sewn on the collar, the lower part of the back, and down the sleeves which are closed and cut straight, but have an opening just above the elbow. The hood, of Dean Burgon shape, is of blue corded silk or poplin with white fur fabric.



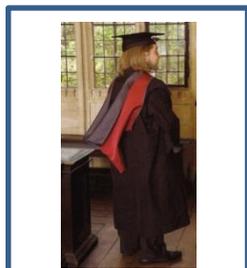
Master of Philosophy (MPhil) and Bachelor of Philosophy (BPhil) Gown and Hood (Hire cost £40.50)

A black gown of silk with a form of black lace sewn on the collar, the lower part of the back, and down the sleeves which are closed and cut straight, but have an opening just above the elbow. The hood, of Dean Burgon or Oxford shape, is of blue ribbed silk, edged and lined with white silk.



Master of Studies (MSt) (Hire cost £40.50)

A black gown of silk with a form of black lace sewn on the collar, the lower part of the back, and down the sleeves which are closed and cut straight, but have an opening just above the elbow. The hood, of Dean Burgon shape, is of deep green ribbed silk, edged and lined with white silk.



Master of Business Administration (MBA) (Hire cost £40.50)

A black gown of silk or art silk with a form of black lace sewn on the collar, the lower part of the back and down the sleeves which are closed and straight cut but have an opening just above the elbow. The hood, of Dean Burgon Shape, is of claret corded silk or art silk edged and lined with dark grey silk or art silk.



Doctor of Philosophy (DPhil) Gown (Hire cost £35.50)

A full scarlet robe with bell-shaped sleeves, of which the body is made from scarlet cloth with facings and sleeves of blue silk.



Doctor of Science (DSc) Gown (Hire cost £35.50)

A full scarlet robe with bell-shaped sleeves, of which the body is made from scarlet cloth with facings and sleeves of grey silk.



Doctor of Letters (DLITT) Gown (Hire cost £35.50)

The hood is full shape and made of scarlet cloth lined with grey silk or art silk and worn with a black lace gown.

If your gown is not listed please contact us to discuss your requirements.