

**ACADEMIC AWARD REGULATIONS  
The Academic Dress of the University**

<b>Name of regulation :</b>	The Academic Dress of the University
<b>Purpose of regulation :</b>	To confirm the style of academic dress to be worn by graduates of all awards of Staffordshire University
<b>Approval for this regulation given by :</b>	Academic Board
<b>Responsibility for its update :</b>	Dean of Students and Academic Registrar
<b>Regulation applies to :</b>	To all graduating students of Staffordshire University
<b>Date of Approval :</b>	29 June 2011
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- 1.1 Robe makers appointed to the University shall be J Wippells & Son Limited of Exeter.
- 1.2 The colour scheme for the academic dress of the University shall be University Red, Grey, Black, White and Blue.
- 1.3 The gowns worn by holders of Certificates, Higher Certificates, Higher Diplomas, Diplomas, Bachelors Degrees, Degree of Master of Engineering, Postgraduate Certificates, Postgraduate Diplomas and Diplomas in Professional Studies of the University shall be of black stuff in London style.
- 1.4 The gowns worn by holders of Masters Degrees except that of Master of Engineering shall be grey stuff in Cambridge style, but with no sleeve or facings trimmed.

- 1.5 The gowns worn by holders of Doctorates shall be of scarlet in Cambridge Doctor style, but with no taffeta trim to sleeves and facings.
- 1.6 The gowns worn by holders of Higher Doctorates and Honorary Doctorates shall be of scarlet in Cambridge Doctor style, with facings and sleeves in red taffeta.
- 1.7 The hats worn by holders of Certificates, Higher Certificates, Diplomas, Higher Diplomas, Bachelors Degrees, Degree of Master of Engineering, Postgraduate Certificates, Postgraduate Diplomas, Diplomas in Professional Studies shall be black mortarboards.
- 1.8 The hats worn by holders of Masters Degrees shall be grey mortarboard with grey tassel.
- 1.9 The hats worn by holders of Doctorates shall be scarlet velvet bonnets with blue cord and tassel.
- 1.10 The hats worn by holders of Higher and Honorary Doctorates shall be scarlet velvet bonnets with gold cord and tassel.
- 1.11 The hoods worn by holders of Certificates and Higher Certificates shall be black, Oxford Burgeon shape, fully lined white, cowl and cape turned out, with strap lined both sides white.
- 1.12 The hoods worn by holders of Diplomas and Higher Diplomas shall be black, Oxford Burgeon shape, fully lined dark grey, cowl and cape turned out with strap lined both sides, dark grey.
- 1.13 The hoods of holders of Foundation Degrees shall be grey, Oxford Burgeon shape, fully lined red, cape and cowl turned out, with strap lined both sides with white.
- 1.14 The hoods worn by holders of Bachelors Degrees shall be grey, Oxford Burgeon shape, fully lined red, cape and cowl turned out, with strap lined both sides red.
- 1.15 The hoods for holders of Postgraduate Certificates, Postgraduate Diplomas and Diplomas in Professional Studies shall be black, full shape, fully lined blue, cape and cowl turned out, with strap fully lined both sides blue.
- 1.16 The hoods for holders of Masters degrees shall be grey, full shape, fully lined with blue, cape and cowl turned out, with strap lined with sides blue.
- 1.17 The hoods for holders of Masters in Engineering (MEng), Masters in Chemistry (MChem), and Masters in Physics (MPhys) shall be grey, Oxford burgeon shape, lined red, cape and cowl turned out, with strap lined both sides with blue.

- 1.18 The hoods for holders of Doctorates shall be scarlet, full shape, lined blue, cape and cowl turned out, with strap lined both sides with blue.
- 1.19 The hoods for holders of Higher Doctorates and Honorary Doctorates shall be gold, full shape, lined white, cape and cowl turned out, with strap lined both sides white.
- 1.20 We take our responsibilities to disabled students seriously. If, for reasons of disability, you wish to make adjustments to your academic dress, please contact our Academic Dress Hirer, J Wippell and Company Limited tel: 01392 254234 or email [wippell@btinternet.com](mailto:wippell@btinternet.com) as far in advance as possible.

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