

Academic dress

Full academic dress (*sub fusc*) should be worn at all formal University ceremonies including matriculation and degree ceremonies. Sub fusc should be worn beneath your academic gown and is also required when sitting examinations.

Your sub fusc

You are required to wear your preference from the following as sub fusc:

1. one of:
 - a. dark suit with dark socks, or
 - b. dark skirt with black tights or stockings, or
 - c. dark trousers with dark socks or dark hosiery

Socks, tights and stockings must cover the ankle entirely. Where socks or stockings are worn, there should be no gap between the bottom of the trouser leg or skirt and the top of the socks or stockings.

2. dark jacket, if required - worn underneath the gown
3. black shoes
4. plain white collared shirt or blouse
5. white bow tie, black bow tie, black full-length tie, or black ribbon.

PLUS:

1. the appropriate academic gown (see below; [Academic Gowns for Students](#))
2. mortar board or soft cap

Additional notes

- ‘Dark’ in this context means dark grey, dark blue or black. Clothing must be plain; pinstripes and similar patterns are not permitted.
- When wearing sub-fusc, your clothing must not leave any part of your legs, ankles, or feet uncovered.
- The mortar board may be worn out of doors but must be removed and carried indoors.
- Ministers of religion may wear clerical dress, with a gown over, when attending ceremonies.
- If you wear a head dress / scarf for religious reasons, a black scarf should be worn.
- Members of the armed forces may wear service dress under their gown, in place of sub fusc. This is only applicable to members of The British Armed Forces in the UK. Uniform caps should be removed when indoors.