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- Your academic regalia consists of a gown, hood/stole, and mortar board with tassel. Some graduands will also wear honour cords.
- Gowns are to be at mid-calf length and are worn open.
- The mortarboard is worn with one of its four corners facing forward, and the tassel hanging on the right side. From above, it should appear in the shape of a diamond on your head. It is to fit snugly on your head and may be held in place by pins. Your mortar board is not to be perched or tilted atop your head. At the point of conferral during the ceremony, you will be invited to switch the tassel to the left.
- Do not accessorise your academic regalia with brooches, corsages, etc.
- Some graduands will be asked to wear stoles and/or honour cords. These are worn around the neck and draped down the front of the robe.
- Hoods are worn over the gown and fastened to the front of the gown by observing the following steps:
  1. Put the hood over the head, ensuring that the velvet part is facing front.
  2. Use the loop on the hood, to secure it to the button on the shirt or other attire worn under the academic regalia.
  3. A similar loop and button are located at the back of the hood. Ask someone to fasten it for you.
  4. Then have them turn the lining colors of the hood inside out.
  5. Please see visual aid below.



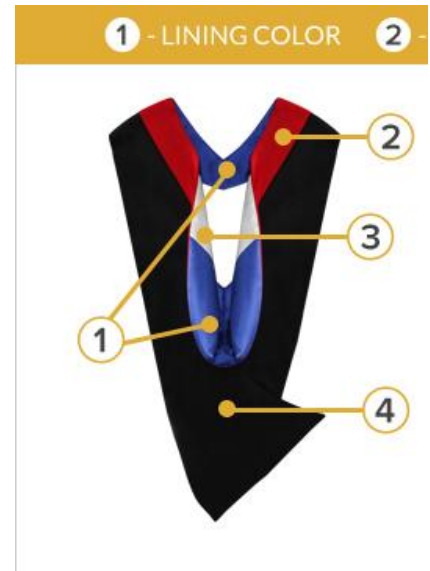
## INSTRUCTIONS FOR WEARING ACADEMIC HOODS

- ① Put hood on over head with velvet side up and with small tapered end in front.
- ② Before closing gown, loop cord on front of hood over shirt / blouse button to keep hood from riding against wearer's neck.



- ③ Secure cord across the back to keep hood together. DO NOT CONNECT HOOD TO THE GOWN.
- ④ Turn out lining colors as illustrated. Illustration shows a Master Hood.

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## What to wear under Academic Regalia

- The gown worn by undergraduates is royal blue, and gown worn by graduate students is black.
- Sober attire is usually worn beneath the gown. It is considered improper to wear casual clothing under the gown.
  - **Females:**
    1. Dresses should not be longer than the gown (mid-calf), and should enable you to safely ascend and descend the platform steps.
    2. If you wish to wear pants, please wear pants of a dark colour which complements the royal blue or black gowns.
    3. Hairstyles must accommodate the wearing of mortar boards. Pins may be used to secure the mortar boards.
    4. Female graduands are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes to withstand the long periods of standing, and to safely navigate the platform.
  - **Males:**
    1. Gowns are to be worn at mid-calf.
    2. Please wear pants of a dark colour which complements the royal blue or black gowns.
    3. Ties and long sleeved shirts are preferred. Suits may also be worn.