

Academic Gowns

New students need to purchase an academic gown in time for the Matriculation Photograph. They are always worn at Formal Halls at this and other Colleges and at major College events. The prices charged by individual robe-makers vary. A limited number of second-hand gowns can sometimes be obtained from the [Graduate Union](#).

The main Academic gown outfitters are [Ede and Ravenscroft](#) and [Ryder and Amies](#).

The gown you purchase and wear depends on your circumstances:

- If you already hold a degree from the University of Cambridge (a BA or Master's degree, for instance) then you are only entitled to wear the gown of that degree, regardless of the options below.
- Research students who are graduates of other Universities who have not attained the age of 24, and have the status of B.A., wear the Cambridge B.A. gown, but without "strings".
- Research students who are graduates of other Universities and who have attained the age of 24, have the status of M.A. They wear the Cambridge M.A. gown, but without strings.
- Gowns from other Universities may not be worn.
- No head-dress except the square cap is permissible with the gown. It is not compulsory to purchase, or at any time, to wear a square cap. (Indeed, it is unusual to see one, except when they are worn by the Praelectors of colleges and Proctors in the Senate House.)

Dress for Formal occasions (Matriculation photo, dinner, Formal Halls)

Students are expected to wear suitable smart clothes with their academic gown on any occasion when academic dress is required.

Dress for Formal University occasions

There are special regulations concerning the dress to be worn in the Senate House when being presented for a degree. [Click here for the University's page covering Academic Dress](#). Please read the information about "Dress Option One" and "Dress Option Two" when deciding what to wear.