

Policy History
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Standard for Academic Dress at Convocation Procedure

A. PROCEDURES

The standard of academic dress for Kwantlen Polytechnic University convocation shall be as follows:

1. Degree Graduates

- a. Gown: for degree graduates, the gown shall be of black Oxford shape with traditional fluting around the yoke with a flowing body and full, open-fronted sleeves. The gown shall extend within twelve to fifteen inches off the ground and shall have a front closure.
- b. Headgear: degree graduates will wear a black cap or mortar board with a black tassel.
- c. Hood: graduates of KPU's bachelor's degree programs wear hoods in the Aberdeen style, made of black pilgrim cloth and bordered with a one half inch border. The border of each hood is a specific colour that identifies a particular area of study as indicated on the KPU Convocation/Graduation webpage under "[Regalia](#)".
- d. Honours Degrees: a silver cord with tassels at both ends.

2. Non-Degree Graduates

- a. Gown: non-degree graduates wear a black gown of Oxford shape with traditional fluting around the yoke with a flowing body and full, open-fronted sleeves. The gown shall extend within twelve to fifteen inches off the ground and shall have a front closure.
- b. Headgear: non-degree graduates will wear a black cap or mortar board with a black tassel.
- c. Stole: graduates of KPU's non-degree programs will wear satin stoles. Each stole is a specific colour that identifies a particular area of study as indicated on the KPU Convocation/Graduation webpage under "[Regalia](#)".

3. Chair of KPU's Board of Governors

- a. Gown: the Board Chair wears a maroon gown made of pilgrim cloth that has bell sleeves and black velvet panels down the front with gold piping.
- b. Headgear: eight sided tam of maroon with gold bullion cord tassels

4. Members of KPU's Board of Governors

- a. Gown: Members of the Board of Governors wear a black gown of Oxford shape.
- b. Stole: Two-colour satin vee stole in maroon and silver metallic.

5. Honorary Degree Recipients

- a. Gown: Honorary Degree recipients wear a black gown of an Oxford shape.
- b. Headgear: Black cap or mortar board with a black tassel with a custom removable cover featuring the circle Salmon and Wolf Art in Charcoal and Grey.
- c. Hood: Custom hood provided by KPU featuring the circle Salmon and Wolf Art in Charcoal and Grey.

6. Academic Procession

Members of the academic procession must wear regalia that abide by one of the following three options:

- a. Regalia which is owned by the individual and which correctly represents his/her highest earned credential.
- b. Regalia provided by KPU: a black, Oxford shape gown and a hood or stole provided that corresponds as closely as possible to the individual's highest earned credential
- c. Individuals who do not have a post-secondary credential will be provided with KPU's designated non-degree satin stole in maroon with a black gown of Oxford shape.

7. First Nation Representatives

First Nation representatives who are part of the academic procession must wear one of the following two options:

- a. Ceremonial Dress
- b. Special Regalia provided by KPU

B. RELATED POLICY

Refer to *AR14 Standard for Academic Dress at Convocation Policy*.