

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. Honourary 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 gown that is of an Oxford shape using maroon pilgrim cloth for the body and sleeves, with three navy blue velvet chevrons and silver velvet panels.
- b. Headgear: eight sided tam of navy blue velvet with silver bullion cord tassels.
- c. Hoods for honorary recipients are of intercollegiate style, maroon in colour to match the gowns, with a sugar beet satin lining, a silver satin chevron and trim and grey piping.

### 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*.