

DRESS CODE FOR CONFERMENT CEREMONIES

	Wreath-binding and sword-whetting day	Conferment Ceremony and Church service or Secular Service	Conferment Dinner and Ball
Masters, gentlemen	evening tail coat ¹⁾ , white waistcoat	evening tail coat ¹⁾ , black waistcoat, white gloves, wreath and ring	evening tail coat ¹⁾ , white waistcoat, white gloves, wreath and ring
Masters, ladies	colourful, full-length evening gown ²⁾	white, full-length gown that is not décolleté, white gloves and shoes, wreath and ring ³⁾	white, full-length gown, white gloves and shoes, wreath and ring ⁵⁾
Wreath-binders	evening tail coat ¹⁾ , white waistcoat	evening tail coat ¹⁾ , black waistcoat, white gloves	evening tail coat ¹⁾ , white waistcoat, white gloves
Wreath-binderesses	colourful, full-length evening gown ²⁾	white, full-length gown that is not décolleté, white gloves and shoes ³⁾	White full-length gown, white gloves and shoes ⁵⁾
Jubilee masters, gentlemen	evening tail coat ¹⁾ , white waistcoat	evening tail coat ¹⁾ , black waistcoat, white gloves, wreath and ring	evening tail coat ¹⁾ , white waistcoat, white gloves, wreath and ring
Jubilee masters, ladies	colourful, full-length evening gown ²⁾	black, full-length gown that is not décolleté, black gloves and shoes, wreath and ring ⁴⁾	black, full-length gown, black gloves and shoes, wreath and ring ⁵⁾
Jubilee masters' wreath-binders	evening tail coat ¹⁾ , white waistcoat	evening tail coat ¹⁾ , black waistcoat, white gloves	evening tail coat ¹⁾ , white waistcoat, white gloves
Jubilee masters' wreath-binderesses	colourful, full-length evening gown ²⁾	black, full-length gown that is not décolleté, black gloves and shoes ⁴⁾	black, full-length gown, black gloves and shoes ⁵⁾

Doctors, gentlemen	evening tail coat ¹⁾ , white waistcoat	evening tail coat ¹⁾ , black waistcoat, white gloves, doctoral hat and sword	evening tail coat ¹⁾ , white waistcoat, white gloves, doctoral hat and sword
Doctors, ladies	colourful, full-length evening gown ²⁾	black, full-length gown that is not décolleté, black gloves and shoes, doctoral hat and sword ⁴⁾	black, full-length gown, black gloves and shoes, doctoral hat and sword ⁵⁾
Doctor's companions (sword-whetters)	evening tail coat ¹⁾ , white waistcoat	evening tail coat ¹⁾ , black waistcoat, white gloves	evening tail coat ¹⁾ , white waistcoat, white gloves
Doctor's companions (sword-whetteresses)	colourful, full-length evening gown ²⁾	black, full-length gown that is not décolleté, black gloves and shoes ⁴⁾	black, full-length gown, black gloves and shoes ⁵⁾
Guests, gentlemen	evening tail coat ¹⁾ , white waistcoat	evening tail coat, black waistcoat or black suit ⁶⁾	evening tail coat ¹⁾ , white waistcoat, white gloves
Guests, ladies	colourful, full-length evening gown ²⁾	black, full-length gown that is not décolleté, black shoes ⁷⁾	colourful, full-length evening gown ⁸⁾

1) FORMAL DRESS (WHITE TIE)

Formal dress consists of an evening tailcoat, black trousers, a white plain stiff-fronted cotton shirt with a wing collar, a waistcoat, a white bow tie and white gloves.

During the Conferment Ceremony and the Church service the waistcoat is black, otherwise white. No wristwatches should be used. Fob chains should not be too visible.

Shoes should be black (polished leather or patent leather). Socks should be black as well. The overcoat should be a dark dress coat or a cloak. The scar, if needed, is white.

2) LADIES' COLOURFUL DRESS FOR THE WREATH-BINDING / SWORD-WHETTING DAY

The evening gown should be full-length and of another colour than black or white. A décolleté gown is permitted.

3) THE WHITE DRESS OF FEMALE PROMOVENDI (MASTERS) AND WREATH-BINDRESSES DURING THE CONFERMENT CEREMONY

Young female masters and the wreath-bindrresses to young masters wear a white, full-length gown that is not décolleté. In the context of Conferment Ceremonies 'white' is a shade of white that resembles white copying paper. The uniformity of the shade of white is of major significance.

Suitable materials are e.g. muslin, Dupion silk or satin. White embroidery is permitted. Too see-through materials or embroidery with colour or metal thread should be avoided. Trimmings, such as sequins or paillettes are not allowed.

A gown is considered full-length if the hemline covers the malleoli. The sleeves should be full-length as well, the neckline as high as possible. Please bear in mind that promovendi have to go up and down a large number of steps. Thus any kind of trains are inconvenient. The gown should not be too broad and slits not too long.

Gloves should be white and of such length that no bare skin is visible between the gloves and the sleeves. Lace gloves should not be used.

Shoes should be white and closed from the tip and heels. Sandals are not permitted. A discreet necklace and / or earrings can be worn. Only engagement or wedding rings are permitted to be worn alongside the master's ring.

No handbags or clutch bags are permitted. A secret pocket inside the gown can therefore be convenient.

4) THE BLACK DRESS OF FEMALE PROMOVENDI (DOCTORS) AND SWORD-WHETTERESSES DURING THE CONFERMENT CEREMONY

The female doctors and jubilee masters and the female companions of all doctors and jubilee masters wear a black, full-length gown that is not décolleté. Sleeves should be long. Shoes and gloves should be black. All instructions in item 3 are applicable (bearing in mind that everything white is black).

5) THE DRESS OF FEMALE PROMOVENDI AND COMPANIONS AT THE CONFERMENT DINNER AND THE BALL

For the Conferment Dinner the same gown that was used during the day is a popular choice. Also a gown with shorter sleeves is permitted. A too conspicuous décolleté or a bear back should be avoided.

During the Ball the same dress that has been used during the Ceremony or the Dinner can be used. A more décolleté ball gown with a broader hem is permissible. Each group follows its principal colour (i.e. white or black). The length of gloves (which are compulsory) depends on the length of the sleeves. A handbag or clutch bag is permitted albeit not during the actual dancing.

6) THE DRESS OF MALE GUESTS AT THE CONFERMENT CEREMONY

Guests following the Ceremony in the Great Hall should follow the instruction in item 1. The wearing of uniform (Full Dress) is also permitted. Gloves are not worn. For guest following the Ceremony at other locations a lounge suit is a good option.

7) THE DRESS OF FEMALE GUESTS AT THE CONFERMENT CEREMONY

Guests sitting inside the Great Hall should follow the instructions given to female promovendi (doctors) in item 4. No gloves are worn.

If following the Ceremony outside the Great Hall the instructions regarding what to wear are more liberal. Short sleeves are however not desirable and colours should be discreet. No kinds of bags are allowed inside the Great Hall or the Cathedral.

8) THE DRESS OF FEMALE GUESTS AT THE CONFERMENT DINNER AND THE BALL

Female guests should wear a gown that has some other colour than black or white as primary colour. The optimum would be not using black or white at all. Jewellery is permitted. Otherwise the instructions in item 5 are applicable.