

# Academic Dress Rule

## Section 1 - Overview

(1) This Rule prescribes:

- a. the occasions on which Academic Dress is to be worn;
- b. the Academic Dress standards of the University; and
- c. the colour standards of Academic Dress.

## Section 2 - Scope

(2) This Rule applies to:

- a. all UNE Representatives, Students, Graduands and Graduates participating in graduation and presentation ceremonies of the University or in other events at which the wearing of Academic Dress is required or permitted; and
- b. all UNE Representatives involved in the proposal of a new course.

## Section 3 - Rule

### Occasions

(3) Academic Dress will be worn on the following occasions:

- a. ceremonies for the conferral of awards of the University;
- b. any other formal occasion of the University for which the University specifies Academic Dress; and
- c. ceremonies of other institutions at which the wearing of Academic Dress is appropriate or requested.

### Academic Dress Standards

(4) The prescribed Academic Dress standards of the University are set out in the associated procedures.

### Colour Standards of Academic Dress

(5) The colour standards for the purposes of Academic Dress are as defined in the British Colour Council (BCC) Dictionary of Colour Standards, 1951 edition, and the numbers which follow are those by which the Dictionary identifies the colours approved for the purpose of Academic Dress.

(6) Gold (BCC 114), Bottle Green (BCC 25) and Black are the official distinguishing colours of the University.

(7) The colours used for gown facings, hoods or stoles should represent discrete groupings of graduates of broadly cognate disciplines rather than the specific award. The following broad groupings of colours are to be used for new awards:

- a. Arts, Humanities White (BCC 1)
- b. AgEconomics, Agribusiness, Business, Commerce Peacock Blue (BCC 120)
- c. Computer Science, Information Technology Powder Blue (BCC 193)
- d. Education, Teaching Violet (BCC 179)
- e. Law Ultramarine (BCC 148)
- f. Allied Health, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy Peony Red (BCC 37)
- g. Environmental Science, Natural Resources Reseda (BCC 77)
- h. Rural Science, Agriculture Diopase (BCC 203)
- i. Science Straw (BCC 51)
- j. Psychology, Social Sciences, Social Work Old Rose (BCC 157)

(8) Already agreed colours outside of the above broad groupings remain unchanged and may be used as the basis for future awards in the same discipline area.

(9) The colours for the Academic Dress of each award of the University are set out in the [Schedule of Colour Standards for Academic Dress](#).

(10) The Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive Officer or delegate may approve new award colours. New award colours will be considered and recommended by the Academic Board as part of the process for approval of new awards.

## **Authority and Compliance**

(11) The Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 29 of the [University of New England Act 1993 \(NSW\)](#) makes this University Rule.

(12) UNE Representatives and Students must observe it in relation to University matters.

(13) The Rule Administrator is the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Academic Innovation) who is authorised to make Policies and associated information for the operation of this University Rule. The Policies and associated information must be compatible with the provisions of this Rule.

(14) This Rule operates as and from the Effective Date.

(15) Previous policy on Academic Dress is replaced and has no further operation from the Effective Date of this new Rule.

(16) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Rule, the Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive Officer may approve an exception to this Rule where the Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive Officer determines the application of the Rule would otherwise lead to an unfair, unreasonable or absurd outcome. Approvals by the Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive Officer under this clause must be documented in writing and must state the reason for the exception.

## Status and Details

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## Glossary Terms and Definitions

**"UNE Representative"** - Means a University employee (casual, fixed term and permanent), contractor, agent, appointee, UNE Council member, adjunct, visiting academic and any other person engaged by the University to undertake some activity for or on behalf of the University. It includes corporations and other bodies falling into one or more of these categories.

**"Academic Dress"** - Is the gown, hood or stole and cap, or combination thereof, worn by persons who are entitled to wear them by virtue of their completion of a University award, or hold a status that entitles them to assume them.

**"Graduand"** - A student who has completed all the requirements of an award but who has not had the award conferred.

**"Graduate"** - Is a person who has completed the requirements for a course and has had their award conferred on them by the University Council.

**"Student"** - Is an admitted student or an enrolled student, at the relevant time: 1. an admitted student is a student who has been admitted to a UNE course of study and who is entitled to enrol in a unit of study or who has completed all of the units in the UNE course of study; 2. an enrolled student is a student who is enrolled in a unit of study at UNE.

**"Effective Date"** - means the Rule/Policy takes effect on the day on which it is published, or such later day as may be specified in the policy document.