



How to Wear Academic Dress

Academic Gowns

Bachelor level gown

The Bachelor's gown has long slits in the sleeves. Make sure that your arm goes straight along the sleeve, not through the slits.



Master Level Gown

The Master's Gown has long (often closed) sleeves and smaller slits. Make sure that your arm goes through the slits.



Hoods and Stoles

Hoods (Bachelor/Master Awards)

The hood should fall naturally at the back revealing the inside colour and lining colours. Make sure the hood sits squarely on your shoulders. Men should use the button loop on the neckband to secure their hood onto their shirt. Women who are wearing buttoned shirts could do this as well. The hoods are quite heavy so it is good to pin the hood to your gown at the shoulders. We will have pins available but you could also bring your own to speed up the process. The neckband of the hood should go under your tie if you wear one.



Hoods were originally used as proper hoods when it rained so if you can put your hood on your head (with the colour on the inside) you have it on correctly!

The Stole (Diploma and Advanced Diploma Awards)

The stole should fall down the front of the gown with equal lengths on both sides. The stoles are light and do not need to be pinned, although you might like to do this.



The Trencher (Mortar Board)

The trencher should sit flat on your head, not tilted or pushed backwards. The shorter peak should be at the front, and the tassel should hang on the left hand side. In some ceremonies graduands move the tassel to the right hand side once they receive their award but we don't bother with this at Morling. The trencher needs to be worn throughout the whole ceremony. For those with 'big' hairdos consider how you will wear your trenchers!

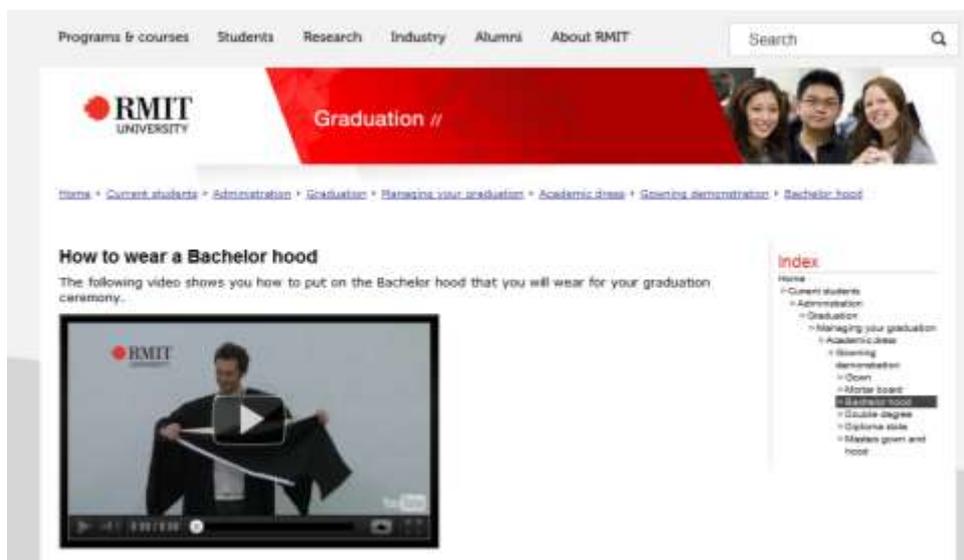


Suggested Dress for Under Academic Dress

Graduation ceremonies are formal occasions so please dress accordingly. It is good to wear dark colours for pants/skirts. An academic gown can be heavy and hot so don't dress too warmly. Men should wear long pants and a collared shirt. Ties are optional. It is not suitable to wear a suit jacket with your gown as it will be too cumbersome (and too hot!). Women should avoid wearing clothing that will not suit your academic dress, such as strapless dresses or low necklines. Since there are a number of steps and you may have to stand for quite a while you should consider the height of your heels as well!

Want to see how to put on your academic dress?

RMIT University has a very good website with videos on how to put on academic dress. Their hoods/stoles are different in colour to ours but the process is the same. It would be helpful to watch these videos before you come to Graduation. They are also available on YouTube.



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