A celebration of inspiration and achievement

Academic Dress

The University’s academic dress, worn by graduates and University officers at the ceremony, was designed by one of the last handloom linen weavers in Scotland. The design features the world famous Paisley pattern pine motif with a fine inner detail. Smaller pines symbolising growth and regeneration have been incorporated to represent the development of the University.

The CERTIFICATE/DIPLOMA OF HIGHER EDUCATION (Cert HE/ Dip HE) black gown is in traditional bachelor’s style. The hood worn is of a Burgon shape in black cloth edge faced with red Paisley brocade.

The BACHELORS (BA/BSc) black gown is in traditional bachelor’s style. The hood worn is of a full shape in black cloth with the cowl edge faced inside with red Paisley brocade.

The GRADUATE CERTIFICATE/DIPLOMA black gown is in traditional bachelor’s style. The hood worn is of a simple Edinburgh shape in black cloth with the cowl edge faced inside with 3” of red Paisley brocade.

The POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE/DIPLOMA (PgC/PgD) black gown is in traditional bachelor’s style. The hood worn is of a Burgon shape in black cloth fully lined and cape bound with 1” red Paisley brocade.

The MASTERS (MSc/MEd/MA/MRes) black gown is in traditional master’s style with long hanging sleeve. The hood worn is of a full shape in black cloth fully lined in red Paisley brocade.

The DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PhD) gown is in traditional style of black cloth and having facings down each side in front and linings of the sleeves in red Paisley brocade. The hood worn is of full shape in black cloth fully lined and bound on the cape and cowl with red Paisley brocade.

The PROFESSIONAL GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION (PGDE) black gown is in traditional bachelor’s style. The hood worn is of a Burgon shape in black cloth fully lined with red Paisley brocade.

The HONORARY DOCTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY (DUniv) gown is of traditional style of red Paisley brocade with facings down each side in front and linings of the sleeves in the same material. The hood worn is of a full shape of black cloth fully lined and bound on the cape and cowl with red Paisley brocade.