

HOOD AND GOWN PATTERNS

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The idea of this scheme is to make a hood or gown pattern instantly recognizable – and also easy to refer to. So, rather than have to say ‘of the Wales bachelors’ simple shape’, we simply say [s5]. They are not completely exhaustive: *e.g.*, I have put the gowns for Cambridge MusD and St Andrews doctors as one, as they look the same, and I have not distinguished between the various versions of the full hood with square cape (some have the cowl as long as, or longer than, the cape; others have the cowl stopping above the base of the cape): all are [f1], except Glasgow, which is distinctive. When I first drew this up, I was relying on Shaw’s 1962 book; additions were from Smith, hence some of the oddities of arrangement.

Simple hoods (those with cowl only) are designated [s]; **full** (those with cape and cowl) are [f]; a third category is [a], deriving from the **Aberdeen shape**, of cape only, and does away with the ambiguity whereby it is sometimes called simple and sometime full. (This category includes various other shapes as well.) The commonest version is [a1], which is the CNA A version of the Aberdeen shape, with a straight-sided cape; the ‘true’ Aberdeen shape has developed a pear-shaped cape.

For gowns, the **BA styles** are [b], **MA styles** are [m], **undergraduate** styles [u], and **doctors’ robes** are [d]. This includes the flap-collar gown [d4], as it difficult to see which of the other categories it belongs to; also, with a few exceptions (London LL.B, *etc*) it is confined to doctoral undress.

Masters’ gowns assume a horizontal slit; if there is an inverted-T armhole, this must be specified. Thus, the CNA A masters wore ‘[m10] with inverted- T armhole’.

SIMPLE HOODS

s1: Oxford simple/plain
s2: Burgon
s3: Belfast
s4: Edinburgh
s5: Wales bachelors
s6: Leicester bachelors
s7: Leeds
s8: Sussex
s9: Manchester
s10: Aston
s11: Glasgow Caledonian
s12: KCL bachelors.

FULL HOODS

f1: Cambridge
f2: Dublin
f3: London
f4: Durham doctors
f5: Oxford doctors
f6: Durham BA
f7: Durham BCL *etc*
f8: Edinburgh DD
f9: Glasgow
f10: St Andrews
f11: Warham Guild
f12: KCL masters *etc*

ABERDEEN HOODS

a1: Aberdeen/CNAA
a2: Leicester masters
a3: Kent
a4: East Anglia
a5: Leicester doctors
a6: Dundee

BA GOWNS

b1: Oxford BA
b2: Cambridge BA
b3: Cambridge MB *etc*
b4: London BA
b5: Durham BA
b6: Wales BA
b7: Bath BA
b8: Imperial College diplomas

MASTERS GOWNS

m1: Oxford MA
m2: Cambridge MA
m3: Dublin MA
m4: Wales MA

m5: London MA
m6: Manchester MA
m7: Leeds MA
m8: Leicester MA
m9: Bristol MA
m10: basic master
m11: Lancaster MA
m12: St Andrews/Glasgow MA
m13: Aberdeen MA
m14: Open University (all degrees)
m15: Warwick MA
m16: Bath MA
m17: Sussex MA
m18: Manchester new
m19: King's London

DOCTORS ROBES

d1: Cambridge/London
d2: Oxford
d3: Cambridge MusD/St Andrews
d4: Oxford lay/gimp gown (solicitor)
d5: Oxford convocation habit
d6: Sussex doctors
d7: Aston (all degrees)
d8: Cambridge DD undress.

UNDERGRADUATE GOWNS

u1: Cambridge basic (King's, etc)*
u2: Oxford scholar
u3: London
u4: Durham
u5: Oxford commoner
u6: Sussex.

**Other Cambridge gowns are described as being variants on [u1] or [u3].*