St Antony’s College, Oxford
New Student Newsletters 2017-18

Newsletter 6: Academic dress and matriculation

This newsletter concerns academic dress and matriculation, two topics that may not be at the top of your priority list for becoming a student in Oxford but which you should nevertheless take time to consider before you arrive.

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Academic dress is required for matriculation, exams (if you have them) and graduation, and occasionally other formal University events. The College website provides an [illustrated guide](https://www.sant.ox.ac.uk/prospective-students/newly-admitted-students/new-students-newsletters) where you can also find all of this information.

For matriculation and exams there are THREE parts to what you need to wear:

1. Graduate gown (also called Advanced Students’ gown or Postgraduate gown; longer than an undergraduate gown);
2. Headwear;
3. Sub-fusc (which in itself consists of five elements).

The five parts to *sub-fusc* are:

1. ONE of:
   a. Dark suit with dark socks
   b. Dark trousers with dark socks
   c. Dark skirts with black tights/stockings
2. ONE of:
   a. Black bow tie
   b. White bow tie
   c. Black full-length tie
   d. Black ribbon (called a string tie)
3. Plain white shirt or blouse, which must have a collar
4. Black, low heeled shoes
5. IF the weather is cold, a dark coat. You don’t need to bring a coat if it’s not cold.

If you a serving member of HM Forces, you are permitted to wear your uniform instead of *sub-fusc*.

*You are required to make your own arrangements to obtain all of these elements.*

You can buy or hire any part of the academic dress, although you may like to buy a graduate gown, headwear and neckwear seeing as you are likely to need to wear them more than once. Gown suppliers often have special offers at the start of the academic year where they sell a gown, headwear and neckwear at a reduced price.

The College does not recommend any particular suppliers but the following are well-known in Oxford:

- [Shepherd and Woodward](https://www.sant.ox.ac.uk/prospective-students/newly-admitted-students/new-students-newsletters) on the High Street
- [Walters of Oxford](https://www.sant.ox.ac.uk/prospective-students/newly-admitted-students/new-students-newsletters) on Turl Street
- [Varsity Shop](https://www.sant.ox.ac.uk/prospective-students/newly-admitted-students/new-students-newsletters) on Broad Street

*Please find attached some current offers on academic dress packages.*
**Matriculation**

Details are also available on the College’s Matriculation [webpage](https://www.sant.ox.ac.uk/prospective-students/newly-admitted-students/new-students-newsletters).

Matriculation is the ceremony that marks your formal admission to the University. Attendance at the ceremony is compulsory unless:

- You are a Visiting Graduate Student
- You have already matriculated for a previous degree at Oxford
- You are entitled to incorporate (see below)

Non-attendance is considered a serious matter.

As well as the matriculation ceremony itself, St Antony’s also offers all new students (including those who do not have to attend the ceremony) light refreshments on arrival in the morning, a group photograph before the ceremony, and a free drinks reception and finger buffet lunch.

The main matriculation ceremony for new St Antony’s College students will be on Saturday 14 October 2017. If you are unable to matriculate on the Saturday for reasons of religion or belief, please let us know and you will be able to matriculate at a week day ceremony at the end of Michaelmas (autumn) term.

Students starting their course in Hilary (spring) or Trinity (summer) terms will matriculate at the end of their first term. You will be advised of the date by email.

Please note that the matriculation ceremony and other events on matriculation day are not open to members of the public - this includes family members.

**Matriculation day timetable, Saturday 14 October 2017**

10:30  Registration in the Fellows’ Dining Room. Light Refreshments available.

11:15  Matriculation (group) photograph in College grounds

12:15  Walk with the Dean to the Sheldonian Theatre

13:00  Matriculation Ceremony

13:20  Return to College; photographers available for individual/small group photos

14:00  Buffet lunch in Hall

**Incorporation**

Students who have already had a degree conferred by Cambridge or Trinity College Dublin can choose to incorporate instead of matriculate. However, you are welcome to matriculate at Oxford, and this is usually done, as it is easier than going through the process of incorporating. Please [contact the Registry](https://www.sant.ox.ac.uk/prospective-students/newly-admitted-students/new-students-newsletters) for more details about incorporation.