

Graduation Ceremony Code of Conduct

The Ceremony is a solemn and dignified occasion to celebrate the accomplishments of our graduates and the support of their families and friends.

As a form of respect to the Guest of Honor, the Faculty, the Academic Procession, all graduands and guests present, graduands are reminded to adhere to the following:

- Attire: You should be attired appropriately in your full academic dress i.e. graduation gown & cap. The academic gown should only have the accompanying graduation cap that came with it. Graduates are not permitted to layer other clothing over the academic gown, or have any decorations, messages or symbols attached to the gown or cap.

You must be properly attired as befits the occasion. Academic dress is mandatory for all graduates attending the ceremony and all graduates are advised to observe the following dress code:

For men, please wear a long-sleeved shirt with collar, a tie (optional), long pants and formal shoes.

For ladies, please wear either a long-sleeved shirt or blouse with collar, paired with long pants or knee-length skirt, or a knee-length dress, and covered formal shoes.

Any graduate found to be inappropriately dressed will not be permitted to attend the ceremony. Examples of inappropriate attire include:

- Clothing: T-shirts, polo shirts, casual pants/jeans, shorts, culottes, bermudas, and attire with inappropriate language and messages, and/or visuals that insinuate drugs, political messages/symbols, discrimination, or harassment.
- Footwear and accessories: Slippers, sneakers, canvas shoes, sports shoes, open-toe sandals/shoes/heels and sunglasses.

The organisers reserve the right to remove all inappropriate materials deemed disruptive, harassing, or determined to pose a safety risk or obstructing the view of other attendees. Examples of inappropriate content include intimidating or profane language and/or visual materials that insinuate drugs, political messages/symbols, discrimination, or harassment.

Graduands unwilling to comply with these guidelines may not participate in the graduation ceremony.

- Do not bring prohibited items into the venue that may disrupt the graduation ceremony. This includes noise-making devices such as air horns and party poppers, signs, banners or flags, balloons and other inflatables and party items.
- Mobile devices are to be switched to silent mode throughout the whole ceremony.
- During the ceremony:
 - Graduands and guests should conduct themselves in an appropriate manner that demonstrates respect toward other graduands, guests, the guest of honour, speakers, faculty and staff members on stage. Inappropriate or disruptive behaviour will not be tolerated. This includes and is not limited to taking 'selfies' or 'wefies' on stage, stunts or any other forms of disruptions. Anyone who disrupts or interferes with the ceremony will be escorted out of the venue.
 - Please remain in your seat throughout the whole ceremony except when being presented with the ceremonial scroll.
 - When you are presented on stage, you should receive your scroll from the faculty with a handshake. After that, you will walk across the platform, towards the steps at the opposite end and walk up the side aisle to exit the theatre to collect your degree certificate and transcript before returning to your seat.
 - You are to follow the instructions and directions of the ushers during the ceremony.