

GENERAL INFORMATION

ACADEMIC COSTUME

Chancellor: A gown made of black brocade and trimmed with gold lace. With this gown is worn a black velvet mortar-board cap with a gold tassel and gold lace edging.

Vice-Chancellor and Deputy Vice-Chancellors: A gown made of black brocade and trimmed with silver lace. With this gown is worn a black mortar-board cap with a silver tassel and silver lace edging.

Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Vice-Principal: A gown made of black silk and having the facings and sleeve-openings edged with silver lace. With this gown is worn a black mortar-board cap with a silver tassel and a narrow silver lace edging.

Chairperson of Council: A gown made of black silk and having a collar and facings of gold trimmed with black braid. With this gown is worn a black mortar-board cap with a tassel of threads of gold to match the facings.

Members of Council: A black gown, the front facings and bottom of the sleeves of which are trimmed with gold ribbon 25mm wide. With this gown is worn a black mortar-board cap with a black tassel.

President of Convocation: A black gown faced down each side in front and on the sleeves with purple edged with narrow silver lace. With this gown is worn a black mortar-board cap with a purple tassel.

Registrar: A black gown faced down each side in front and on the sleeves with purple 150mm wide, and with the lower half of each sleeve covered with purple, with the addition of a 10mm wide white cloth piping down the outer side of each front facing and between the purple and black on each sleeve. With this gown is worn a black mortar-board with a purple and white tassel.

Bedellus: A plain black gown with wrist-length sleeves. Each sleeve is trimmed with four horizontal bands of purple velvet and has at the top a purple velvet wing edged with narrow silver lace. A black mortar-board cap.

Graduates: Bachelors and Master's wear a black gown of the same design as that worn by Master's of Arts in the University of Oxford. Doctors of Philosophy wear a scarlet gown of the same design as that worn by Bachelors of Arts in the University of Cambridge. Doctors other than Doctors of Philosophy, wear a scarlet gown of the same design as the scarlet full-dress gown of Doctors in the University of Oxford.

Undergraduates: A black gown of the design worn by scholars in the University of Oxford. With this

gown is worn a black mortar-board cap with a black tassel.

Undergraduate diplomands: Undergraduate gown with a black stole 110mm wide. The length of the stole alternates with bands of white and purple stripes each 10 mm wide. The left end carries a Rhodes University crest, and the right end is embroidered with the letters RU in purple. The stole awarded to fourth-year diplomands has gold tassles and the stole awarded to third-year diplomands has black tassles.

Hoods

Bachelors' hoods are made in an Oxford simple shape. Master's and Doctors' hoods are made in the full shape used in the University of London.

Where a Bachelor's hood is bound with a second colour, the binding is placed over the anterior and posterior sides of the hood and is 13mm wide on the inside and on the outside. The facing on the hood for the degree of Bachelor of Pharmacy is 50mm wide inside the anterior side at the bottom, tapering to nothing at the centre of the neckband. The edging of the Master's and Doctors' hoods is 7mm wide on the outside of the cowl and the cape.

HOODS FOR DIFFERENT DEGREES

BA	Black lined with white and bound with purple
MA	Black lined and edged with white
DLitt	Scarlet lined and edged with white
BFineArt	Black lined with ultramarine blue
MFineArt	Black lined and edged with ultramarine blue
BJourn	Black lined with cherry red
BMus	Black lined with adonis blue
MMus	Black lined and edged with adonis blue
DMus	Scarlet lined and edged with adonis blue
BSc	Black lined with bottle green
BSc(InfSys)	Black lined with light green
BSc(SofDev)	Black lined with bottle green and faced with primrose yellow
MSc	Black lined and edged with bottle green
DSc	Scarlet lined and edged with bottle green
BPharm	Black lined with chartreuse and faced with bottle green
MSc(Pharm)	Black lined with bottle green

MPharm	and bound over with chartreuse Black lined with chartreuse and bound over the cowl with bottle green
DSc(Pharm)	Scarlet lined and edged with chartreuse
PharmD	Black lined and edged with scarlet facing
LLB	Black lined with old gold
LLM	Black lined and edged with old gold
LLD	Scarlet lined and edged with old gold
BEd (prev BPrimEd)	Black lined with white and bound with light brown
BEd(Hons)	Black lined with terra cotta
MEd	Black lined and edged with terra cotta
BAcc	Black lined with primrose yellow and faced with dark red
BBusSc	Black lined with primrose yellow and faced with lapis lazuli
BCom	Black lined with primrose yellow
MCom	Black lined and edged with primrose yellow
MBA	Black lined with primrose yellow and bound over the cowl with lapis lazuli
BEcon	Black lined with buttercup yellow
MEcon	Black lined and edged with buttercup yellow
DEcon	Scarlet lined and edged with buttercup yellow
BSocSc	Black lined with silver-grey
MSocSc	Black lined and edged with silver grey
DSocSc	Scarlet lined and edged with silver grey
PhD	Black lined and edged with scarlet

(all Faculties)

The hood for the degree of Bachelor with Honours is the hood for the corresponding Bachelor's degree piped down the anterior side with white cord 5mm wide.

The cap for Bachelor and Master is a black mortar-board with a black tassel. All Doctors wear a round

black velvet bonnet of the design worn at Cambridge University and trimmed with gold cord and tassels.

Academic costume to be worn by staff members who hold qualifications from universities which do not prescribe their own academic costume:

1. The gown is of black stuff, and of the same pattern as the Bachelor's, Master's or Doctor's gown of Rhodes University, according to the qualification of the person concerned e.g. a Doctor from such a university wears a Doctor's gown and a licentiate wears a Master's gown. The gown must have a facing, 50mm wide down each side in front, in the colour distinctive of the Faculty of which the person concerned is a member.
2. There is no hood.
3. The cap is a plain black mortar-board, with a black silk tassel.

Academic costume and the dress worn with it on particular occasions

Full ceremonial occasions: Full academic costume as prescribed above. Doctors wear scarlet gowns. Men wear a dark suit, black shoes and socks, a white shirt and a plain black tie. Women wear a long-sleeved white or black dress or a white or black evening dress, black or white shoes, and stockings.

Academic occasions: Costume and dress as prescribed for full ceremonial occasions (see above), except that Doctors wear black gowns.

Other occasions: Black gowns are worn without hoods or caps.

Messrs T Birch and Co, Ltd, Grahamstown, have been appointed the University's preferred service provider for academic dress, and have undertaken to keep adequate stocks and sell them at reasonable prices.

AWARD OF COLOURS

Academic colours are awarded in recognition of academic achievement by undergraduate and honours students. Awards are made on three levels: Half colours, Colours and Honours for degrees completed in the normal period. The general criteria are:

Half Colours:

A first class and an upper second class for major subjects in the final year; or three first class and one upper second class in any year other than the final year; or a first class in at least half the courses taken for a degree with at least a second class in both

majors in the final year; or a first class pass in three second-year courses where three courses form the normal second-year load for the degree.

Colours:

A first class in both major subjects in the final year and a first class in at least half of the courses taken for a degree, or first class honours; or, in the case of a degree without major subjects, if the degree is awarded in the first class or with distinction.

In the Faculties of Pharmacy and Education, slightly different criteria apply for the award of Colours and Half Colours. With regard to Pharmacy, the attention of students is directed to Pharmacy Regulation P.8. In Education:

(i) To qualify for the award of Colours, a Bachelor of Education candidate must achieve first-class passes (75 percent and above) in at least four of the six courses taken for the degree, as well as an aggregate first class over all six courses.

(ii) To qualify for the awards of full Colours and/ or Half Colours, a Bachelor of Primary Education candidate must meet the following requirements:

Half Colours

(a) In the first year, three first-class passes (75 percent and above), and one upper-second class pass (70-74 percent) in any combination of the subjects set out under Regulation E.44(a)-(c) of the Calendar.

(b) In the second year, three first-class passes (75 percent and above) as follows:

Education 1 Professional Studies 1

(c) In the third year, a first-class pass in each of the following:

Education 2 Professional Studies 2

Colours

In the fourth and final year of the degree, a candidate will be awarded Colours for a first-class pass in each of the following:

Education 3 Professional Studies 2
(necessarily achieved in the third year)

at least half the other courses detailed in (ii)(a)-(c) above.

In the Faculty of Law:

(i) To qualify for an award of half colours a candidate must have obtained 75% in at least three full courses or the equivalent thereof, in either the Intermediate or Final Year of study and an aggregate of at least 70% in all the courses in the academic year for which the candidate had been registered.

(ii) To qualify for an award of colours a candidate must have been awarded the LLB degree with distinction.

(iii) To qualify for an award of Honours a candidate must have been awarded the degree of LLB with distinction and have obtained an aggregate of at least 75% in all the Intermediate Year and Final Year courses for which the candidate had been registered.

Honours

For academic achievement which, in the opinion of the Head of Department and Dean of the Faculty, is markedly better than that required for the award of colours. The award is made in the form of a certificate, which entitles the student to buy the relevant blazer badge from an approved stockist.

FINANCIAL AID

Undergraduate Financial Aid packages, consisting of loans, merit awards, bursaries and rebates, may be offered to financially needy and academically deserving South African Citizens. The criteria for eligibility and value of the financial aid offered are determined annually by the Financial Aid Committee.

For further information please consult our website <http://www.ru.ac.za/registrar/financialaidoffice>

Postgraduate Financial Aid consists of scholarships, bursaries and loans. Rhodes University has several scholarship programmes that attract excellent students and researchers to further their studies at postgraduate level. Further funding for postgraduate study is made available through NRF, WRC, MRC and other funding bodies by way of individual bursaries or project linked bursaries.

For further information please consult our website <http://www.ru.ac.za/research/postgraduates/funding>.

CONVOCATION

Convocation is a statutory body which meets at least once a year to discuss any matters affecting the University, and to convey its resolutions to the University Council and the Senate. All graduates of Rhodes University, the Vice-Chancellor, the Deputy Vice-Chancellors, academic staff, the Registrar, the University Librarian, the Director of Student Affairs; and those former professors and associate professors elected by the senate and council to be emeritus professors or emeritus associate professors, are members of Convocation. The Registrar is secretary *ex officio*. All members are entitled to vote for office-bearers.

President: Dr TSN Gqubule *Secretary:* Dr S Fourie

THE OLD RHODIAN UNION

The Old Rhodian Union was founded in 1911 by Professor Cullen Bowles and Sir George Cory to form a link between past and present students and staff of Rhodes University. All past students who have attended Rhodes University for at least a year, all members of Convocation, past and present Chancellors and Vice-Chancellors, Council members and all members of staff, past and present are automatically members of the Old Rhodian Union. There is no subscription for membership.

The Old Rhodian Union annual general meeting is held at the University as close as possible to every Founders' Day, together with the annual meeting of Convocation.

Old Rhodian reunions are held in all centres where there are branches of the Union. Besides Grahamstown, these include Bloemfontein, Cape Town, Durban, East London, Johannesburg, Kimberley, Pietermaritzburg, Port Elizabeth and Pretoria. There are also branches in Bulawayo, Harare, Windhoek, the United Kingdom, United States of America and Australia.

The Old Rhodian Union administers a bursary fund from which it awards a number of bursaries, annually to children and grandchildren of Old Rhodians.

President: Professor RB Walker

Hon Secretary: Ms S Tweddle

Hon Treasurer: Mr J Gillam

THE SPORTS COUNCIL AND SPORTS FACILITIES

The Rhodes University Sports Council was established in 1905. The Council promotes sport and physical recreation, and provides and maintains sports facilities and equipment on campus. The Head of Sports Administration and staff are responsible for the day-to-day administration of University sport and sports clubs, and for carrying out the policies of the Sports Council.

The use of sports facilities is restricted to all *bona fide* students of Rhodes University, Club members, members of Council and full-time members of staff, who are honorary members of the Sports Council. Non Rhodes affiliated people/groups can only use these facilities by prior arrangement with Sports Administration and may be liable for a charge applicable to each facility.

Facility cards may be purchased from the Sports Administration office by the following persons:

(a) wives/husbands of members of staff and their

dependants of 16 years and over;

(b) Old Rhodians, their wives/husbands and their dependants of 16 years and over;

(c) students' wives/husbands and their dependants of 16 years and over.

Swimming pool cards may also be purchased from the Sports Administration by the above persons as well as their children of under 16 years.

Whilst all *bona fide* students, Council members and staff have free access to facilities, official club practices, matches and competitions take priority in the use of all facilities.

Sports facilities

Swimming pool

1 Rugby field (Floodlit)

2 Cricket fields

1 100m Archery Range (Floodlit)

1 Beach Volleyball court (Floodlit)

4 Netball courts (Floodlit)

1 Outdoor Basketball court

3 Soccer fields (Floodlit)

9 Squash courts

1 Rowing tank

1 Athletics track (Floodlit)

8 Tennis courts (Floodlit)

Rifle range

Martial Arts dojo

Health Suite:

- weights facility

- aerobics studio

- spinning studio

Climbing wall

Basketball, Volleyball & Badminton hall (Alec Mullins Hall)

Rowing; Sailing & Canoe clubhouse at Settlers Dam

1 Hockey field (Floodlit) - artificial surface

Dance Sport, Table Tennis, and Karate Hall (The Hangar)

Sports activities

Aikido; Archery; Athletics (Road Running, Track and Field, Triathlon); Basketball; Canoe; Chess; Cricket; Dance Sport; First Aid; Fly fishing; Golf; Hockey; Health Suite (Gym, Aerobics, Indoor Cycling) Karate; Mixed Martial Arts; Mountain Climbing; Netball, Pool; Rifle; Rowing; Sailing; Rugby; Soccer; Squash; Surfing; Swimming and Water Polo; Table Tennis; Tennis; Taekwon-do; Underwater (SCUBA & Underwater Hockey); Volleyball

Sports Scholarships

One bursary is awarded annually to a prospective student who has above average potential from the Sutherland / Old Rhodian Bursary Fund. The holders must meet the normal entrance requirements of the University. This bursary is tenable for the first year of study only.

Merit sport awards (Colours) are also made each year to those students who have achieved exceptional standards within their codes of sport (provincial / national colours). In addition an award is also made annually to a meritorious rugby player (Ali Weakley Fund).

THE STUDENTS' REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

The Students' Representative Council, elected by the student body, represents the students of Rhodes University both on campus and externally. The SRC negotiates with the University authorities on behalf of students and administers funds allocated by the Council for student activities.

All student clubs and societies, except sports clubs, are financed by the SRC, which makes grants to student societies, to its various committees, to the publications under its control, and for student social functions.

The SRC assists in the organisation of Orientation Week.

Externally the SRC maintains contact with other educational institutions and arranges seminars and speakers on issues of general interest to students.

In terms of the Student Disciplinary Code, the SRC may take disciplinary action against students who break University rules. All disciplinary action is reported to the Vice-Chancellor, who deals with

more serious offences.

THE STUDENT SERVICES COUNCIL (SSC)

In accordance with tertiary education legislation, a Student Services Council has been established. In compliance with this legislation, the SSC has equal university staff and student representation. Being a subcommittee of Senate, the SSC makes recommendations directly to Senate, and thereby to Council.

The SSC has been given the task of examining every aspect of student life with the goal of integrating every student of the University into campus life as quickly as possible, so that each student may become academically productive in the shortest possible time. This will be achieved by ensuring that students from different backgrounds feel socially and culturally at ease in all aspects of campus life.

Students are encouraged to approach the Director of Student Affairs, or indeed any member of the SSC, with recommendations, complaints, etc about any aspect of student life on the Rhodes campuses.