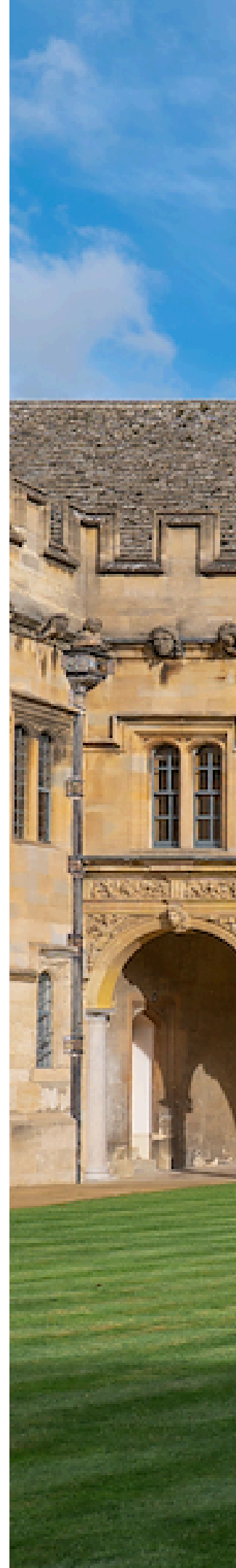




Your guide to Sub-fusc



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What is Sub-fusc?

Sub-fusc is the clothing worn underneath your academic gown.

It is gender neutral and consists of:

- A plain white shirt or blouse with white buttons
- A plain black or dark grey suit or skirt
- Plain black socks or tights
- Plain black shoes
- A black or white bowtie or a plain black full length tie or a black ribbon

Cultural dress is not accepted in lieu of sub-fusc.



Suits

Yes:



- Plain
- Black, charcoal grey, or very dark blue
- Full length trousers

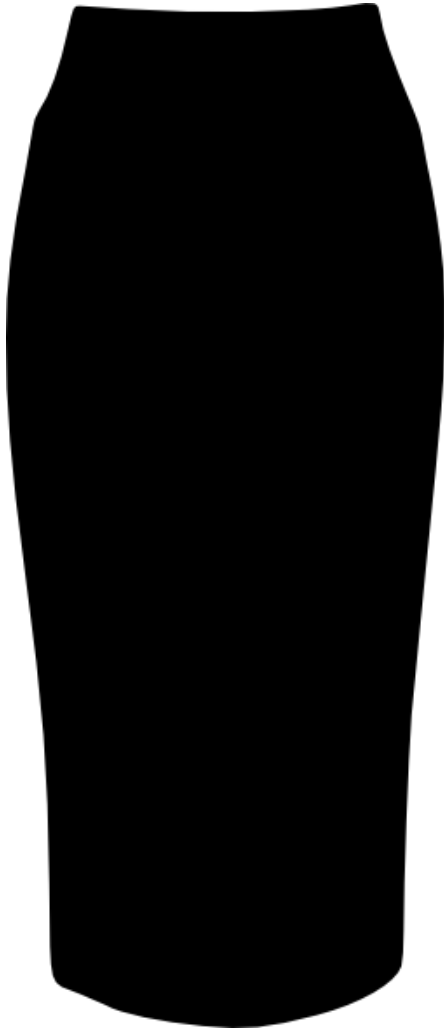
No:



- Patterns, including Pinstripes
- Any colour other than black, charcoal grey, or very dark blue
- Short trousers

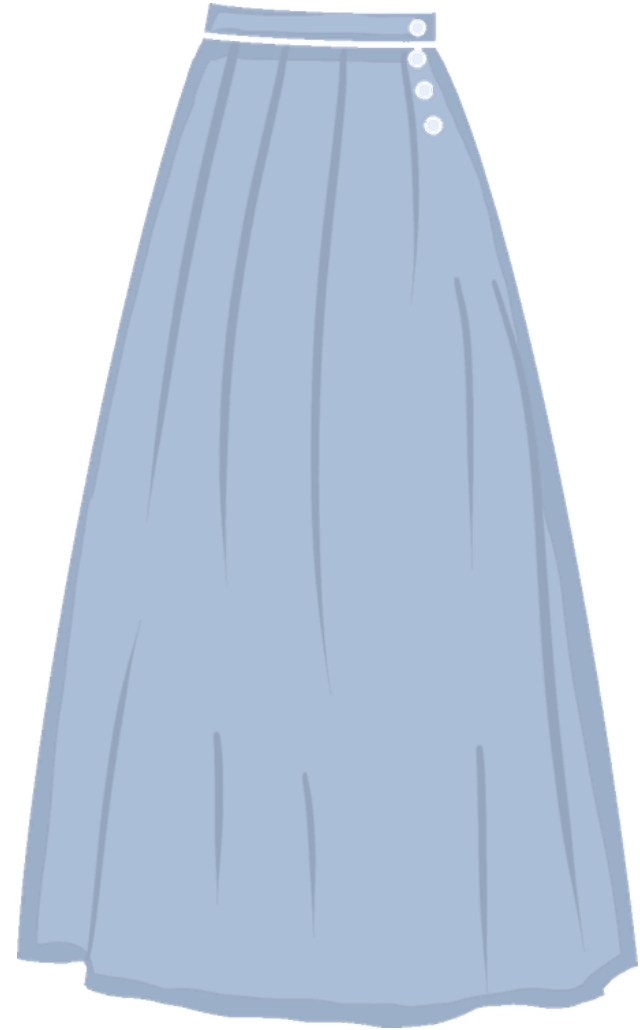
Skirts

Yes:



- Plain
- Black, charcoal grey, or very dark blue

No:



- Patterns, including Pinstripes
- Any colour other than black, charcoal grey, or very dark blue

Shirts & Blouses

Yes:



- White
- Full-length sleeves
- White buttons

No:



- Patterns, including Pinstripes
- Any colour other than white
- Short sleeves

Ties & Bow Ties

Yes:



- Plain
- Black or white bowtie
- OR Black full-length tie
- OR Black ribbon

No:



- Patterns
- Colours other than black or white

Socks & Tights

Yes:



- Plain
- Black socks or tights
- Must cover the ankle entirely

No:



- Patterns
- Colours other than black or white
- Black with other colours

Shoes

Yes:



- Plain
- Black
- No skin showing (must be covered by socks or tights)
- Dark sole

No:



- Patterns or embellishments
- Black with other colours
- Colours other than black
- Trainers
- Open toe and/or black
- Light or colourful soles

Other common queries:

If you wear a head dress/scarf for religious reasons, a black scarf should be worn.

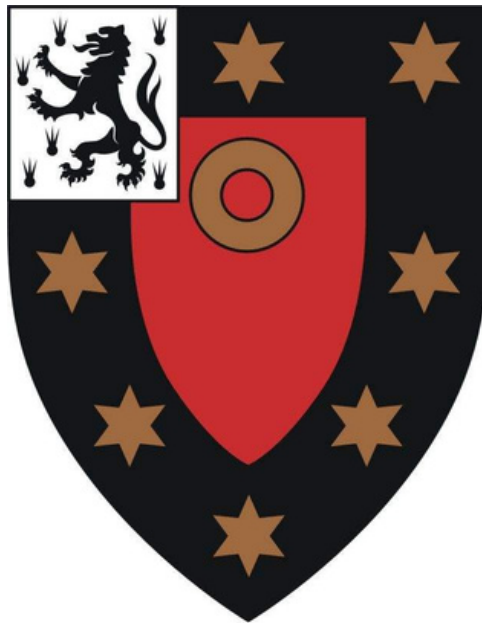
Ministers of religion may wear clerical dress, with a gown over, when attending ceremonies.

Members of the armed forces may wear service dress under their gown in place of sub-fusc. (NB: This is only applicable to members of the British Armed Forces in the UK. Uniform caps should be removed when indoors).

You may not:

- Wear a head-dress/scarf in any other colour than black.
- Leave any part of your legs, ankles or feet uncovered.





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