



UNIVERSITY CEREMONIES

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The Ivory Tower which houses the administration and the management of the University of Ibadan.

University - an institution of higher learning, education and research and which awards academic degrees at the level of bachelor, master and doctorate.

Antecedents

University of Al Karaouine established in the 9th century by the 'Madrasahs' or 'Jamiah' in Fez, Morocco must be the oldest in the world.

In Nigeria?

FIRST AND

BEST



Earliest universities in Western Europe were developed under the aegis of the Church, usually as cathedral schools or by papal bull as '*Studia Generali*'.

Universities, perhaps because of their religious antecedents, have been at home with pomp and pageantry, dignity and panache associated with all religions, Christianity, Islam, the Eastern and Traditional religious rites

- The colourful robes, hoods and caps, the ceremonial processions and proceedings, the insignia of office and symbols of authority exemplified by the coat of arms and the mace are the outward manifestations of academic rites of passage.

University Ceremonies

- Academic-
 - Inaugural and Distinguished Lectures
 - Special Senate Sitzings
 - University wide ceremonies- Convocation
 - Matriculation

- The antecedents also remind us that the ceremonies are supposed to be solemn, dignified and edifying.

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Matriculation and
Graduation Ceremonies-
“the two most
consequential
ceremonies of a
student’s academic life”.

- the only ceremonies at
which the entire
University unites to
celebrate its
fundamental
purpose.....

.....to provide students
with a transformative
educational
experience and instill
in them a passion for
learning

MATRICULATION

referred to as freshman
convocation in American
universities marks the
beginning of a student's
academic apprenticeship
in the university

- New students are welcomed into the University community and begin to get a sense of the voyage of discovery that awaits them.

...the beginning of
their **collegiate**
journey and ushers
them into the
community of
scholars.

begins with a procession,
a much simpler
procession than the
convocation or graduation
because the celebrants
are yet to be tested and
found worthy.

Students take a
matriculation oath
which binds them to
the rules and
regulations, values..



Students wear
robes with
mortarboard and
tassel to the right

....sign a matriculation
register as evidence
of apprenticeship
to this scholastic
guild

.....and proof of
associate
membership of the
academic
community

CONVOCATION

Statutorily, all officers of
the University (i.e.
Principal Officers), all
teachers (i.e. Senate
members), graduates
and others

(Latin "'calling together'
-Greek *ecclesia*,- a
group of people
formally assembled
for a special
purpose.

a ceremonial
assembly of the
members of a
college or
university

celebrates special
events such as the
beginning of the
academic year or the
anniversary of an
institution

technically - the meeting of
congregation for the
conferment of honorary
degrees, admittance to
other degrees and award of
diplomas as approved the
senate of the University.

**Convocation marks
the culmination of
the students'
education.**

At convocation, or
Commencement (in
American parlance) the
university shares its
achievements with its
stakeholders

...including those of
outstanding faculty
and alumni in
addition to the
graduation of its
students



The Academic Procession





representative of the
composition of the
university, including its
alumni as well as the
proprietor and
representatives of
government.

Noteworthy is that the academic procession begins with and ends with students representatives to show that the university exists because there are students.....

They are the most
important
stakeholders in any
university

Academic and Official Costume



ACADEMIC
REGALIA



- A traditional form of clothing for academic settings
- Primarily for tertiary institutions
- Worn mainly by those **admitted** to degrees or who hold a **status that entitles** them

- The Gown
- The Hood
- The Cap



The robes, their
embroidery and
trimmings; the caps
or mortar boards and
their tassel,



....the colours of the
ceremonial robes,
designed to very
precise specification
all tell a story



Robe of traditional shape adapted to Nigerian use, Indigo-blue, all silk satin damask. Sleeves lined with the University green silk, edged with gold lace.

Robe faced with wide gold braid and embroidered with Nigerian motif on the yoke and with the arms of the University. Cap as for the Pro-Chancellor but with indigo-blue (in place of gold) tassel.

- In some Universities, each type of degree is signified by the style of the robe
- In others, by the hood and cap
- Colours of hoods often combine university colours and branch of study or discipline

THE HOOD

- The Shell
- The Lining
- The Trim
- The Front Cord or V-Point



WEARING THE HOOD

- hold the two ends from the front cord or V-point and slip the hood over the head with the tapered end in front. Fasten or wind the cord loop around the shirt button closest to the knot of the tie
- If worn properly, the hood should drape over the gown

For women, pin the V-point to the dress about 6 inches from the clavicle and the silk lining at the narrowest end to the shoulders of the dress close to the neck.

Front view



Neck band with blue visible

Safety pin neck band to gown

Gown right front

Gown left front

Back view



Edge

Blue visible

Cowl



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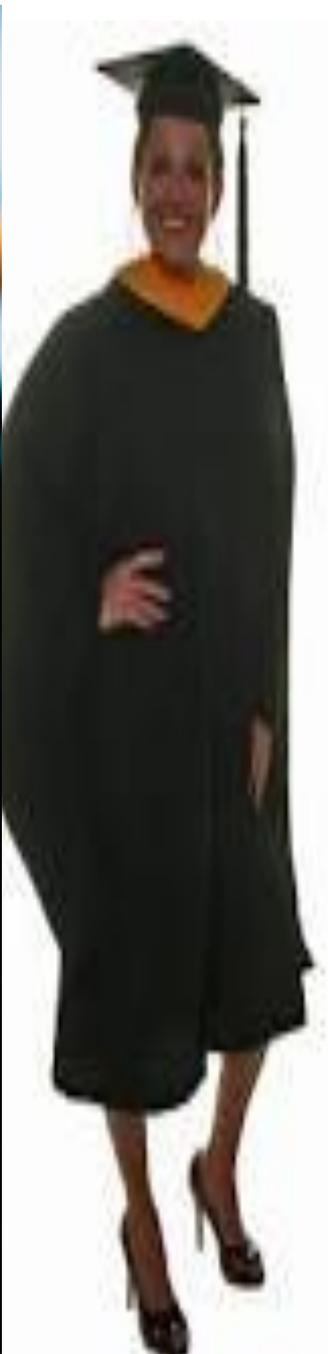


Obtain assistance to turn out the outermost lining of the hood at the back. To assist graduands, hold the two ends as described above and slip the hood over his or her head.

















**Insignia of Office
and Symbol of
Authority**

THE MACE



The mace is what confers authority and legitimacy to the proceedings of that body

DECORUM

- The graduands and officers of the University must wear the appropriate academic gowns while guests should also dress as befitting the occasion
- Once the procession begins, all participants should stand and all other movements cease

- Guests who come late should remain outside the door until the procession ends. Thereafter, they should be discreetly led to their seats with minimum attention or distraction of others
- All talking, pushing, calls and recognitions stop

- All participants stand until the National and University anthems end and the ceremony is declared open or closed.
- All participants remain in their seats for the entire ceremony, except those requested to stand or called to come forward to receive their diplomas

The graduates should proceed to the dais through a distinct line and route and return to their seats through the opposite direction and take their seats until the end of the ceremony

Role of Administrators

- to check and ensure that academic gowns are worn correctly by every member of the academic procession and the graduating students.
- to ensure that graduands are arranged in the correct order and obey the guidelines for the convocation ceremony

- The officer in charge of the media should have a plan for the control of photographers and pressmen
- The Public Relations, Alumni Officers and Chief of Security should manage protocol and crowd control.

...in these days of advanced technology in photography and information dissemination, the army of amateur photographers and hoards of Pressmen that bombard our ceremonies are no longer necessary.

CONCLUSION

- universities as ‘places where those who hate ignorance may strive to know, where those who perceive truth may strive to make others see; where seekers and learners alike, banded together in the search for knowledge.....

-will honour thought in all its finer ways, will welcome thinkers in distress or in exile, will uphold ever, the DIGNITY of thought and learning and will EXACT standards in these thing'