

# Academic Traditions

The spring and fall convocation ceremonies are formal academic occasions when the university's rich traditions are displayed.

## THE COLOURS

The regalia worn by UVic graduates reflect the type of degree they are receiving. All graduates receiving bachelor's and master's degrees wear black gowns and mortarboards, with hoods in the colour associated with their degree. The master's hoods also have a mitred neckpiece and a narrow band of black velvet. The doctoral gown is in Cambridge style, with red front facings and sleeve linings, the mortarboard is black with a red tassel, and the hood, in the Oxford style, is red with blue lining and gold trim. The regalia for honorary degree recipients is predominantly red. The gown is in the Cambridge style, the hood is in the Aberdeen pattern, and the mortarboard is black velvet with red cord trim and tassel.

Faculty and staff wear the academic dress of their highest degree, from the institution where they earned it. The Chancellor's gown is of purple corded silk, trimmed with purple velvet and gold braid. The headdress can be a matching purple velvet cap with gold trim in Tudor style or a black velvet mortarboard trimmed with gold. The President's gown and cap are similar, but in UVic's blue. Members of the Board of Governors wear a black Tudor-style cap with gold tassel and a black gown in the traditional bachelor's degree style, with gold sleeve linings. The Chair's gown is similar, but with gold front facings as well.

## REGALIA HOOD COLOURS

### BACHELOR'S HOOD



### MASTER'S HOOD



### DOCTORAL HOOD



*UVic's official colours are blue and gold. The red hood worn by arts graduates reflects UVic's early affiliation with McGill University; the science graduates' gold hood and education graduates' blue hood are reminiscent of the affiliation with the University of British Columbia.*