

From the Registrar's Desk

REDESIGN OF GRADUATION HOODS FOR ALL PROGRAMMES

and introduction of a sash for Higher Certificates



Thomas Kungune, Director: Academic Administration wearing the new hood.

DEAR STAFF AND AUTUMN 2026 GRADUATING STUDENTS

Nelson Mandela University is pleased to announce newly redesigned graduation hoods for all programmes. The redesign follows an extensive consultative process involving various University stakeholders and a comprehensive approval process. The proposed designs, recommended by a Task Team comprising of staff members and the Student Representative Council (SRC), were first presented to the Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee (ACHC), followed by consultation with the Learning and Teaching Committee (LTC and Deanery). The designs were subsequently supported by the Management Committee (MANCO), approved by the Executive Committee of Senate (ECS), and finally ratified by Senate.



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The primary aim of the redesign is to align the hoods with the University's brand, following the adoption of its new name. These thoughtfully redesigned hoods incorporate meaningful cultural elements, enhancing their visual appeal while reinforcing the University's vision of positioning itself as a leading African institution. As part of this process, a new sash has also been introduced for Higher Certificate recipients. The redesigned hoods will be worn from the Autumn Graduation ceremonies in 2026, commencing at the George Campus on 31 March 2026. See faculty sample hoods in the image.



Ordering details and pricing

Ordering details, pricing, and important deadlines are available on the graduation portal, at <https://graduation.mandela.ac.za/>

We encourage our graduating students to place orders early to ensure timely collection before the commencement of ceremonies.

Thank you

We look forward to seeing our graduates wearing these new graduation hoods with pride as we celebrate their achievements at the upcoming Autumn Graduation Ceremonies.

With best wishes!

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