

THE CEREMONY



The Heraldic Coat of Arms

The Convocation Ceremony

Convocation is the most solemn ceremony within the University community. Since their beginnings in the Middle Ages, universities have performed this ceremony in order to grant degrees to their students and also to welcome those students into the community of scholars which has trained them.

The conferring of the degree takes place at the moment when the student is greeted by the Chancellor or the President, or other conferring officers of the University, and the officer says "I admit you."

As an outward sign of his or her new state, the student is hooded by a member of faculty. Each degree within a university has a hood of unique colours and trim in order that the student's status may be recognized—indeed every university guards its own set of hoods from use by any other university.

In order to recognize the nature of this event for the students involved, the University asks that parents and friends of the students participating in this ceremony withhold their applause until all members being admitted to each degree have left the dais. Students are asked to remain in their seats while fellow graduates receive their degrees.

*"Veritas Omnia Vincit"
—Truth Conquers All*

Wilfrid Laurier University Motto