

Congratulations and welcome to your ceremony!

REGISTRATION

Having registered, you will have your ceremony tickets, presentation card, souvenir programmes and vouchers for post-ceremony drinks. Please keep your presentation card with you as you will need this when you go on stage. Also note the colour of your drinks vouchers and arrange where to meet up with your party after the ceremony (Blue Bar 1 or 2 – in the Concourse; Yellow Bar 1 or 2 – on Level 1). If you have any queries during the day, please visit the Enquiries Desk, situated at Registration, and our team will be happy to help.

ROBING

If you have arranged to hire academic dress through Ede & Ravenscroft, you can collect it from the collection point in the Squires Meeting Room, next to the Café. Please note, mortarboards are not permitted to be worn during the ceremony. After the ceremony, all hired robes should be returned to the same location.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Ede & Ravenscroft photography studios are in the Barbour Room on Level B, on the Tyne Bridge side of the building. Scrolls and mortarboards will be available to borrow for your photographs. Please allow plenty of time for photography as it can become busy during peak times.

A photograph will also be taken of you when you cross the stage. This photograph will be available to purchase after the ceremony from the main concourse.

THE CEREMONY

Doors will open at approximately 13:45. A musical programme by Sound the Trumpets Brass Ensemble will feature prior to the ceremony. Please make sure that you and your guests have taken your seats no later than 15 minutes before the ceremony.

The ceremony will start with a short film, followed by the arrival of the academic procession. The Presiding Officer will declare the ceremony open, and the presentation of graduates will begin.

When it is your turn to be presented, marshals will direct you where to go. **Please ensure that you keep your presentation card with you to hand over when you reach the stage.** If you are leaving any belongings by your seat, please make sure they are tucked out of the way and not obstructing the path of other graduates or staff.

REFRESHMENTS

The Café, Pub and Concourse Bar are open all day, serving a range of hot and cold food and drinks. There is also a wine and prosecco bar open in the concourse (pre-ceremony only).

Immediately after the ceremony, you are warmly invited to join your fellow graduates and guests for a celebratory drink (blue vouchers in the Concourse, yellow vouchers at the Level 1 bars).

DON'T FORGET...

...to take time to visit the Open University Students Association (OUSA) stand, to purchase OU merchandise as a memento of your OU study journey and celebration of your success.



The Glasshouse
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CONCOURSE

Ground Level (Level G)

