

GRADUATION 2024

GUIDE TO GRADUATION

Disclaimer: This information is <u>not</u> relevant for Digital and Technology Solutions Apprenticeship students or any students studying Nursing (including Nursing Associates). These students should follow the separate instructions which have been emailed to their university email address.

Graduation is the pinnacle of your student journey and a chance to reflect upon and celebrate all your achievements during your time at Winchester. This guide will take you through what to expect over the coming months and what you will need to do to prepare for your ceremony.

All our ceremonies will be taking place between **22-25 October 2024**. You can find a full schedule on the <u>University website</u>.

If you have any questions that aren't answered in this guide, please do not hesitate to contact the Graduation team via graduation@winchester.ac.uk.

APRIL – JUNE 2024

- Check the <u>schedule</u> to see which ceremony your programme will attend.
- Check the <u>eligibility criteria</u> to see whether you will be eligible to attend.
- Update your personal email address and home address on My Record.
- Prepare for any final assessments and/or placements.
- Pay any outstanding financial debts owed to the University.
- Return any library books or loaned multimedia equipment.

JULY - SEPTEMBER 2024

- Wait for your official graduation invitation this will be sent to you via email.
- Complete graduation registration to confirm whether you will be attending.
- If attending, order your academic gown through Marston Events.
- If attending, purchase your guest tickets through Marston Events.

OCTOBER 2024

 Get ready for your ceremony – make sure you check timings for your day and download guest tickets in advance!



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

o I no longer have access to my Unimail account – how will I receive communications about graduation?

All communications will be sent to both your Unimail and personal email addresses, so you won't miss out on any information. Please ensure you add graduation@winchester.ac.uk onto your list of safe senders.

o Can I change which ceremony I am due to attend?

It is unfortunately not possible to change to a different ceremony. If the date or time is therefore not convenient, you will have to graduate in absentia (i.e., not attend).

In some exceptional circumstances, you may be able to defer attending your graduation for one year, although this is not guaranteed. If you would like to discuss deferring further, please email graduation@winchester.ac.uk.

Can I attend my ceremony for free?

You do not need to buy a ticket to attend your ceremony, however you will be required to wear academic dress to take part. This will cost between £45.00 and £50.00 to hire, dependent on your level of study.

o How many guest tickets will I receive?

If you would like any friends or family to attend your ceremony, they will need to purchase guest tickets. These will cost £20.00 each, and you will initially get the opportunity to purchase up to 3 guest tickets.

There may be an opportunity to purchase more tickets at a later date however this is not guaranteed. Further details regarding this will be provided alongside your official graduation invitation.

o Will there be any financial support available to students?

The University are pleased to be continuing the Graduation Assistance Fund for the 2024 ceremonies. We will be releasing further information about the fund, including eligibility criteria and application details later in the year.

Will there be a live stream available to watch?

We will be live streaming all ceremonies into the Guildhall and on the <u>University website</u>. We will be releasing further information about the live stream later in the year.

• When will further details be released?

You will receive further information about graduation, including details of any deadlines alongside your official graduation invitation in the summer.

